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FRIENDSHIP SOUGHT BY JAPAN.

TO OFFER BIG LOAN?
ECONOMIC WEAPON MAY BE USED BY CHINESE.
POSITION IN MANCHURIA.

Mukden, Yesterday.
Information from various quarters indicates that following the postponement of reconciliation between Manchuria and the Nationalists, the policy of Japan will be to cultivate friendly relations with the Manchurian authorities by offering assistance in the form of a large loan for financial readjustment and currency stabilization, simultaneously using it as a lever for advantageous settlement of outstanding issues.

Recent conferences of the President of the (Japanese-owned) South Manchuria Railway with the Finance Minister of Japan and the President of Bank of Japan are considered significant in this respect.

BOYCOTT ADVOCATED.

On the other hand, the Chinese are bent on using economic weapons against the Japanese in an endeavour to weaken their position in Manchuria. Provincial guilds and assemblies are advocating a boycott of Japanese while the new regulations of the Chinese Eastern Railway regarding yen-and-rouble exchange, to be enforced on Oct. 1, will favour freight to Vladivostok as compared with Dairen (terminus of the Japanese Railway).—Reuter.

BARON HAYASHI.

Outlines Present Situation.

Tokyo, To-day.

Baron Hayashi, who returned from Mukden this evening, stated that General Chang Hsueh-liang had intimated that his compromise with the Nationalists had been postponed for three months. Consequently the situation in Manchuria was likely to remain unchanged.

Discussing various influences in Manchuria, Baron Hayashi mentioned that the most influential authority is the Peace Preservation Committee, to whom even General Chang Hsueh-liang refers everything before making decisions.

Loan Not Required.

The Baron also mentioned that the Yang Yu-tung group strongly favours a compromise and this may possibly influence others eventually, but owing to the instability of the Nationalist Government it was impossible for Japan to permit Manchuria to come under their control at present.

Referring to the economic question, Baron Hayashi declared that a Japanese loan was not required as Manchuria was able to carry on without it.—Reuter.

TREATY REVISION.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Nationalist Government's reply to the Japanese Note regarding treaty revision has been received by the Japanese Legation here, but it will not be published till the official text arrives by mail. It is understood that the Nationalists have not substantially changed their attitude. Their reply gives the Chinese interpretation of Article No. 26 of the Sino-Japanese Treaty.—Reuter.

OCCUPATION OF SHANTUNG.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Imperial sanction has been obtained for the withdrawal of the 6th division of the Japanese Expeditionary Force from Shantung. It is ordered that the first detachments shall sail from Tsingtao on Aug. 20, completing the evacuation by the middle of September.

The prospect that the 3rd division will remain in Shantung indefinitely is indicated by the Japanese War Office's decision to send an engineering detachment to Shantung to build winter barracks.—Reuter.

BIG CONTRACT FOR NOTTINGHAM.

CAST-IRON PIPES.

10,000 TONS FOR BUENOS AIRES.

KEEN COMPETITION.

London, Yesterday.
Stanton Ironworks Company, near Nottingham, have obtained a contract for 10,000 tons of cast-iron pipes for the Buenos Aires water undertaking. This is the first contract of any importance obtained from this authority in the Argentine Republic since the war for cast-iron pipes and has been obtained in the face of severe competition from foreign makers.—British Wireless Service.

BRITISH HISTORIAN.

PASSES AWAY IN HIS NINETIETH YEAR.

SIR G. TREVELYAN.

London, Yesterday.
The death is announced of Sir George Trevelyan.—Reuter.
[The Rt. Hon. Sir George Otto Trevelyan, O.M., P.C., LL.D., D.C.L., D.L., was born at Rothley Temple, Leicestershire, in 1838 (where his uncle, the famous Lord Macaulay, was born in 1800). He was the only son of the first baronet and of Hannah More, daughter of Zachary Macaulay, Secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society, and sister of Lord Macaulay. He succeeded to the baronetcy in 1886. He married in 1869, Caroline, daughter of R. N. Philips, formerly P.M. for Bury, Lancashire, of the Park, Manchester, and Welcombe, Stratford-on-Avon; and had three sons.

Sir George Trevelyan was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. He was M.P. for Tynemouth, 1865; Hawick Burghs, 1868; Bridgeton Division of Glasgow, 1867-97; Civil Lord of the Admiralty, 1868; Secretary of the Admiralty, 1880; Chief Secretary for Ireland, 1882; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the Cabinet, 1884; Secretary for Scotland, 1886; again Secretary for Scotland, 1892; took an active part in furthering the abolition of purchase in the Army, and the extension of Household Suffrage to the counties.

Among his publications may be mentioned "The Ladies in Parliament," "Horace at the University of Athens," and other pieces, collected and published in 1863; "The Competition Wallah," 1864; "Cawnpore," 1865; "The Life and Letters of Lord Macaulay," 1876; "Selections from the Writings of Lord Macaulay," 1876; "The Early History of Charles James Fox," 1880; "The American Revolution" (four vols.), 1909; "Interludes in Prose and Verse," 1906; "George III and Charles Fox," vol. I. 1912, vol. II. 1914.]

ACROSS ATLANTIC.

PROGRAMMES FOR BRITISH LISTENERS.

B.B.C. EXPERIMENTS.

London, Yesterday.
Experiments will shortly be made by engineers of the British Broadcasting Corporation, in association with an engineer of the National Broadcasting Company of America, with the object of relaying American programmes to British listeners by a new method.
"Fading" has hitherto been one of the chief obstacles to successful broadcasting across the Atlantic, but it is now hoped that a remedy for this will be found.—British Wireless Service.

A DENIAL.

ANOTHER REPORT AS TO CAPT. LOWENSTEIN.

Paris, Yesterday.
In a statement to a Reuter correspondent, the pathologist, Dr. Paul, denied the rumours that he had found traces of poison in the organs of Lowenstein, the Belgian millionaire.—Reuter.

ANOTHER ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

U.S.A. TO SWEDEN.

TO MAKE THE JOURNEY IN THREE STOPS.

REACHES ONTARIO.

Rockford, Illinois, Yesterday.
Bert Hassell and Parker Cramer, aboard the "Greater Rockford" have started on a trans-Atlantic flight for Sweden in three stops—Cochrane (Ontario), Greenland and Reykjavik.
The machine is equipped with wireless, a collapsible boat and a rifle.
The flight, which has been sponsored by the Rockford Chamber of Commerce, nearly ended in disaster three weeks ago when the machine crashed in a cornfield and was severely damaged.
At Cochrane, Cochrane, Ontario, Yesterday. Hassell has landed to refuel.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH ARMY.

DISBANDMENT OF THREE TRANSPORT CO'S.

"MECHANIZATION."

London, Yesterday.
It is officially announced that the 3rd, 5th, and 24th Horse Transport Companies of the Royal Army Service Corps are to be disbanded.
The mechanization of the second line transport of the Army has progressed to such an extent in the last eight years that only five Horse Transport Companies of the Royal Army Service Corps will now remain out of the 31 which existed in 1920.
Of the three companies now to be disbanded one is stationed at Woolwich and two at Aldershot.—British Wireless Service.

SPALATO RIOTING.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DEMANDS REPARATION.

LIVELY INCIDENT RECALLED

Rome, Yesterday.
The Italian Minister at Belgrade has been instructed to protest to the Yugo-Slav Government and demand reparation on account of an incident at Spalato whence it is reported that a body of Serbian students insulted and threw missiles, including chairs at a party of Italians, including the Consul, who were sitting in a cafe, and who were finally rescued by the police.—Reuter.

CUTLERY.

ORIGIN TO BE INDICATED IN BRITAIN.

London, Yesterday.
The Standing Committee, appointed by the Board of Trade under the Merchandise Marks Act, have reported on the inquiry whether imported cutlery should be required to bear indication of origin.

The Committee recommend that various classes of imported cutlery shall bear the indication of its origin. These include knives, other than surgical knives, or knives for use in machines, scissors, razors, other than safety razors, carving forks, knives, and sharpeners.—British Wireless Service.

SPANISH SEAMAN.

SENT TO THE HOUSE OF DETENTION.

Vincente Ibanez was, this morning, charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy with vagrancy.
Sub-Inspector Elston said that Ibanez was a Spaniard and a seaman on board a Spanish ship. He missed his ship whilst at Shanghai and came down to Hong Kong as a passenger on another vessel.
The shipping company, the Inspector said, had no right to land Ibanez here without a passport or funds, and the police propose to ask the Company concerned to ship Ibanez out of the Colony.
In the meantime, however, the officer asked for Ibanez's commitment to the House of Detention pending arrangements with the shipping company.
His Worship made the necessary committal order.

MINOR CHINA WARS BREAK OUT.

FIRST CASUALTIES.

CAMPAIGNS IN FOUR PARTS OF COUNTRY.

SHIPOLOADS OF MUNITIONS.

Four minor China wars, in different parts of the country, are taking place and both civil and military casualties have been reported. Shiploads of troops and munitions are being moved about, according to British Naval Wireless messages.
Danger to Chefoo?
General Chang Tsung-chang, one of the two commanders of the remnants of the defeated Northern Army hovering on the boundary between China Proper and Manchuria, is to sail from Chinwangtao across the Gulf of Chihli to Chefoo, a Treaty port



General Chang Tsung-chang.

on the northern coast of Shantung peninsula.

It is stated that he will leave to-day, taking passage in a Japanese steamer loaded with ammunition, military stores, etc.
Further transfers of stores to Chefoo are expected.
It will be recalled that after the Northern Army had been driven out of Shantung and the Nationalists had taken over, a sortie was made by a compar-

MORE RAIN!

S. W. winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain later, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

Typhoon of unknown intensity is within 60 miles of Lat. 29 deg. N. Long. 131 deg. E., moving N.N.E.

Pressure is high to the N.E. of Japan and low over China. The typhoon is about 100 miles E.N.E. of Oshima moving N.N.E. or N.E.

tively small Northern unit which recaptured Chefoo and has been in possession since. The departure of General Chang Tsung-chang for Chefoo indicates that the Northerners have made up their minds to hold on to Chefoo, even though they be counter-attacked by the Nationalists.

Tongshan Area.
The Northern remnants on the China Proper-Manchuria frontier continue to concentrate at Lutai (as though to defend against further offensives by the Nationalists). This force has a supply depot at Tangfang. One division (which included all arms in addition to infantry), numbering about 5,000 has marched north-westward from the depot, i.e., in the direction of Nationalist territory.

All is quiet, however, in the Kailan Mining Administration's zone at Tongshan, which is within the sphere of the Northerners' operations.
Four hundred Shanai prisoners (Continued at foot of next column.)

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

ANOTHER TENNIS SENSATION.

TILDEN'S STATUS.

FAMOUS PLAYER RULED OUT OF TOURNAMENTS.

HUNTER ALSO OMITTED.

New York, Yesterday.
The United States Lawn Tennis Association has decided that Tilden is ineligible to compete in the annual East and West contest at Forest Hills on August 18.
The original selection of the East team does not mention Tilden by name, merely stating it will include certain players, this obviously leaving a loophole pending the committee's decision regarding Tilden.
The committee has now definitely barred Tilden from tournament play pending the clearing up of the charges against him.

Tilden's great friend Hunter, who announced he would not play unless Tilden was allowed to join the team, has been omitted from the East side.—Reuter's American Service.

OUT OF WORKS.

LONDON PRESS ALARMED AT GROWTH.

HEAVY INCREASE.

London, August 21.
The London Press is alarmed at the huge growth of the unemployed, which is estimated to average 20,000 weekly since the end of last May and at present to stand at 1,300,000 with prospective heavy increases.
The railway clerks have overwhelmingly agreed to a two and one-half per cent. wage reduction completing their approval of a general scheme which goes into effect to-morrow.

OPIUM-SMOKING.

REPORT ON ITS CONTROL IN FAR EAST.

AT GENEVA.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The supplementary agenda of the forthcoming Assembly of the League includes the Canadian representative's report on the control of opium-smoking in the Far East.—Reuter.

MR. F. B. KELLOGG.

ACCEPTS INVITATION FROM IRISH FREE STATE.

Washington, Yesterday.
Mr. Kellogg, U.S. Secretary of State Department, has accepted President Cosgrave's invitation to visit Ireland after the signing of the Anti-War Pact in Paris.—Reuter's American Service.

of war have been moved to Peitang and repatriated.

Bloodshed in Hunan.
Bloodshed has been caused in Hunan province, which is held by the Kwangsi Nationalist Generals at Hankow (belonging to the Party of Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton).

The so-called 21st Nationalist Army, consisting of 4,000 Szechuanese, had previously come into conflict with the Kwangsi authorities. All but 500 were disarmed. But the men have now escaped in the direction of Liuyang. Prior to their departure from Changsha, the capital of Hunan, there was an hour's fighting in the east suburb.

About 30 Chinese civilians and more than 100 troops were killed in the engagement.
The city of Changsha is now quiet and the local trouble has ended.

Upper Yangtze.
The Standard Oil Co.'s convoy passed Wansien, a port on the Upper Yangtze, bound up-river, on Aug. 16. This indicates that, after a stoppage brought about by local hostilities, trade is being resumed.
A report has been received that General Yang Sen, who went up-river on an expedition, has returned to Wansien.

Chinese troop movements, in Japanese river steamers, down the Yangtze, have been observed 218 miles above Ichang, which is 870 miles above Hankow.

NEW CRUISER "KENT" ARRIVES.

TO BE THE FLAGSHIP.

FOUR OF COUNTY CLASS NOW IN CHINA STATION.

COST £2,000,000 TO BUILD.

H.M.S. "Kent" one of the new county class of armoured cruisers built under the terms of the Washington Treaty, arrived in Hong Kong this morning, on conclusion of her voyage out from Home, via Singapore.

She is the fourth to come to the China Station, the others being "Berwick," "Cumberland" and "Suffolk." "Berwick" is in port, having come down to undergo refit and the other two are up north. "Kent" is to be the new flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, replacing H.M.S. "Hawkins" which is to proceed Home.
The fifth of these new cruisers is H.M.S. "Cornwall," which is coming out via Honolulu.

Took Three Years.

Each of these 10,000 tons warships cost over £2,000,000 to build. "Suffolk" was the first laid down and she was three years in the builders' hands.

Details of the county-class are as follows:—
Speed 31½ knots; armament, eight 8 inch, four 4 inch anti-aircraft, four 3 pounder and other guns; 80,000 horse-power; carries 3,400 tons of fuel oil, 14,000 tons displacement when fully loaded; and is fitted with bulges for protection against mines and torpedoes.

Vice-Admiral A. K. Waistell, C.B., has been appointed to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Bart., K.C.B., D.S.O., and will fly his flag in H.M.S. "Kent."
Captain J. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., is in command of the new arrival.

AIR RAIDS.

ANOTHER BIG ATTACK ON LONDON.

CIVILIANS' GOOD WORK.

London, Yesterday.
London last night experienced the biggest air raid hitherto staged during the week of air manoeuvres. A hundred giant bombers, despite the attentions of seventy-two defending planes, succeeded in again bombing the Air Ministry and hitting other objectives.

The Air Force experts highly praise the civilians who are participating in this aerial warfare for the first time. They are members of auxiliary squadrons of the defending and attacking forces, and have been trained in the same way as territorialists. Many of them spend their week-ends at the aerodrome learning all they can about flying.

An Air Force pilot described them as daredevils and most skillful.

Meanwhile expert opinion is that, had the operations been real, the casualties to fliers would have been colossal, and the country between London and the coast from east to south-west would have been laid waste. It is suggested that the only way the country can avoid damage in aerial warfare is by intercepting and driving back the invaders before they reach the coast.

"FINAL AND FIERCEST"

Later.
The air manoeuvres ended an hour after midnight. Clouds aided the bombers in their final and fiercest assault upon London.

Three machines were actually forced down.
Two of the bombers, with engine trouble, landed in a bean field in Essex and on a marsh opposite Canvey Island, respectively. No body was hurt.

The third was a fighter and burst into flames. The pilot parachuted and landed safely on a house-top at Kew. A machine crashed at Richmond. There were no casualties.—Reuter.

Mr. G. W. Jones, who collapsed from the heat playing the organ at a Methodist church at Prestatyn, Flintshire, on a recent Sunday, died a few days later.

HEAVY LIST FOR THE SESSIONS.

9 CRIMINAL CASES.

CHIEF JUSTICE TO DEAL WITH SEVEN.

A VARIETY OF CHARGES.

Including a variety of charges, the nine cases on the calendar for the August Criminal Sessions which open at the Supreme Court on Monday constitute a heavier list than for some time past.

Seven of these cases are to come before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.).
The Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) will deal with the two in which Fok Chung-yuen is charged with forgery in what are known as the Wing On Co. and the Bank of Canton cases. He is to be defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara) and Mr. F. C. Jenkin prosecutes. It will be recalled that other men in the Bank of Canton case were tried by the present Chief Justice about two years ago. That is why Fok Chung-yuen is to be tried in the small court.
Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson) is defending in a case of piracy.

The Calendar.

Particulars of the cases are as follows:—

Fan Hing-yung: charged with piracy of a fishing boat off Fan Lau Point, Lantau island, on Feb. 8, 1926.

Yu Yuan-shing and Hau Tang-kwan: charged with fraudulent conversion of \$14,226.61.

Li Ching-kuang, Chan Chuen, Cheng Wa-fu and Tam Ping-yun: charged with robbery by two or more of property and \$305.

Li Sum: charged with receiving the stolen property in the previous case, also with possession of two revolvers and eight rounds of ammunition.

Li Ching-kuang, alias Chan Ham (the first prisoner in the case mentioned before the last): charged with returning to the Colony before expiry of deportation.

Tuesday's Case.

Hui Yau: charged with robbery by two or more of two suits of clothing, a pair of trousers and \$4.50 from three persons at Shatin. This case is expected to come up before the Chief Justice on Tuesday.

Fok Chung-yuen: charged with forgery, uttering and conspiracy with others to defraud Fok Kam-chuen (stated to be his father) and/or the Bank of Canton, Ltd. After prisoner has been tried on this charge, he will stand trial, also in the small court, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud, in attempting to obtain \$50,000 from Messrs. Wing On's banking department.

MANUEL QUEZON.

20,000 RECEIVE HIM AT MANILA.

Manila, Yesterday.
Mr. Manuel Quezon arrived this morning on the "President Pierce." He was weak and was taken straight to his home, omitting the official welcome. 20,000 cheered him from the pier.
He states that the next American administration, whether Republican or Democratic, will attempt to secure legislation for the settling of the future status of the Philippines.—Reuter.

MINE DISASTER.

THIRTEEN BODIES RECOVERED AFTER EXPLOSION.

Coalport, Penn., Yesterday.
Thirteen bodies have been recovered from a mine of the Irvona Coal Company in which an explosion occurred yesterday afternoon.—Reuter's American Service.

Shanghai, Yesterday.—The documents of the settlement between Britain and China of the Nanking Incident of March, 1927, effected on Aug. 9, were published in the Shanghai Press on Aug. 15.—British Naval Wireless.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.—The Italian aviator Del Prete has died.—Reuter's American Service.

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24 Coils Steel Wire Rope
11 Cases Cameras, Plates, Developers, Tripods, Magnesium Lamp and Brooches
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1 Engine
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6 Cases Salmon.

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Hong Kong, 17th August, 1928.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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SLATER'S APPEAL.

DETAILS OF CASE FOR THE CROWN.

TAKEN TO "AVIZANDUM."

After the Lord Advocate had replied on behalf of the Crown to the speech of Mr. Craigie Aitchison, K.C., on behalf of Oscar Slater in his appeal against his conviction for the murder, twenty years ago, of Marion Gilchrist, the Lord Justice General announced in the Court of Criminal Appeal at Edinburgh that their lordships would take the case to avizandum, which means that the judges will give their decision at a later date. ("Avizandum" in Scots law, is a private consideration of a case by a judge, where, after hearing the parties, he temporarily withdraws the record from the court for private study.)

The Lord Justice General (Lord Clyde) presided over the Court, the judges with him being the Lord Justice Clerk (Lord Alness), Lord Sands, Lord Blackburn, and Lord Fleming.

Slater's counsel, in addition to Mr. Aitchison, were Mr. J. C. Watson, and Mr. J. L. Clyde.

DIFFICULTIES OF THE CASE.

The Lord Advocate (Mr. Wm. Watson, K.C.), in his reply for the Crown, said that the lapse of almost twenty years since the trial had undoubtedly rendered some points difficult of determination. That difficulty extended not only to the appellant, but to the Crown Office in ascertaining exact facts on some of the points raised in the course of the case.

During the period, and particularly more recently, many statements—some of a rather sensational character—had appeared in the Press and elsewhere. "I am glad to think now we have come to the actual test," said Mr. Watson, "that what is relevant and available for reconsideration of this verdict is of a very much smaller extent than that which has so appeared."

"A great deal has appeared in the Press about the witness Helen Lambie, which has not been suggested as worthy of inquiry in these proceedings. There was only one point on which appellant's counsel sought the evidence of Helen Lambie—the limited point about her statement to a previous witness."

With regard to another witness whom Mr. Watson referred to as "Mrs. Hamilton or Brown," he recalled that on the opening day of the appeal Mr. Aitchison said: "We have been furnished regarding that witness with certain information from the Crown, and in view of the information we now have I feel quite unable to put her forward as a witness."

Continuing, Mr. Watson said: "All I will say is that that information satisfied the Crown, and apparently it also satisfied Mr. Aitchison that she was quite unworthy of credence regarding her story."

"NOT A RETRIAL."

Very important matters had been raised in the appeal, said the Lord Advocate. He did not think there could be great dispute, if any, between Mr. Aitchison and himself as to the law or the limits of the Court of Appeal in that matter.

Clearly it was not a retrial. Mr. Aitchison had brought forward evidence not before the jury at the trial. He had attacked the case, as tried, on two grounds—as regards the sufficiency of the evidence and on misdirection. The attacks made by Mr. Aitchison on the speech of the then Lord Advocate (Mr. Alexander Ure, now Lord Strathclyde) were on matters which were obvious to the counsel for the defence, a perfectly competent counsel, and the judge at the time.

Mr. Watson said that he hoped to satisfy the Court that there was nothing material in the additional evidence. As to the evidence relating to Dr. Adams, who had since died, the police records showed that Dr. Adams arrived at Miss Gilchrist's house at 7.25 p.m., immediately after the discovery of the crime, and was back at his own house telephoning to the police at 7.40 p.m. He implied from that that Dr. Adams did not make a considerable examination of the wounds.

The Lord Advocate submitted on the basis of the post-mortem examination report that it was quite impossible for the chair leg to have inflicted all the wounds. Mr. Aitchison's anxiety naturally was to get the hammer out of the case altogether.

Referring to the incident in New York, when two witnesses (as alleged by the defence) saw Slater handcuffed before they identified him, the Lord Advocate said that the evidence of the American witness Pinkley was valueless. Even if their lordships assumed it to be true, it was consistent with neither of the girls, Helen Lambie and Mary Barrow-

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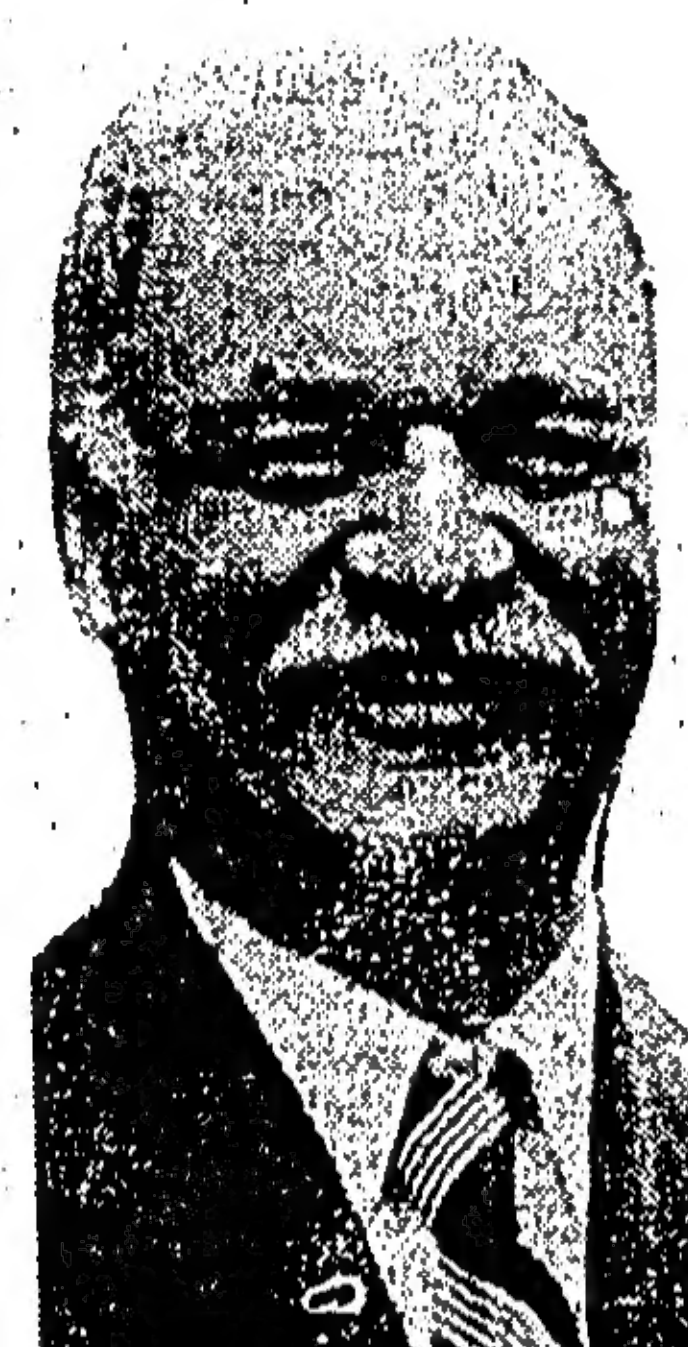
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man, having seen the handcuffs at all. What the girls were looking at was the man's face and his walk, not the handcuffs. Slater could, if he had wished, have complained at the trial that when the girls saw him in the corridor of the court he was handcuffed. He did not so complain. "On the point made for the defence that Slater entered his name in the hotel register at Liverpool before leaving the country," said the Lord Advocate, "the important thing to me is that even Slater is not his own name, and in Glasgow, with the one exception of when he went to the Cunard office, Anderson was his name."

CHANGE OF NAME.

The Lord Justice General: The point was made by the Crown that when Slater left this country for some reason which nobody has explained he covered up his tracks by changing his name. That is circumstantial evidence. I do not see any importance attaching to the ques-



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tion whether he registered as Slater at Liverpool. I should have thought it was very dangerous to have made a change of name at that stage.

The Lord Advocate said that the most striking thing about the case was how difficult people found it to say definitely whether the appellant was clean-shaven or not. "I am entitled to say that a people noticed that he was a dark man. In memorising his face it was the general look of the man that was so striking. He must have had a face that impressed itself very clearly on people."

The Lord Justice General asked whether the photographs of Slater, which Helen Lambie and Mary Barrowman were said to have seen before "identifying" him, had been preserved.

The Lord Advocate: We know nothing about them except that they were newspaper photographs.

The Lord Justice General: It is the worst of trying a case of this kind twenty years afterwards. I did not realise that they were newspaper photographs. Who was to prevent Lambie and Barrowman reading the public Press?

Lord Fleming: Was it an American or an English newspaper?

The Lord Advocate: I do not know. Mr. Fox (the attorney acting for the British authorities during the extradition proceedings) is dead.

As the Lord Advocate continued to deal with the evidence of identification, Lord Alness observed, "We are concerned not only with the credibility of the evidence, but with its sufficiency."

The Lord Advocate contended that it could not be said that there was insufficient evidence.

They did know, he said, that there was local knowledge, or tittle-tattle, about Miss Gilchrist's possession of jewellery, and the jury were entitled to infer that local gossip was the forerunner of the watch on the house.

Lord Alness: I agree that the evidence of loitering is tremendously strong. But assuming one regarded the evidence of identification as shaken, can legal sup-

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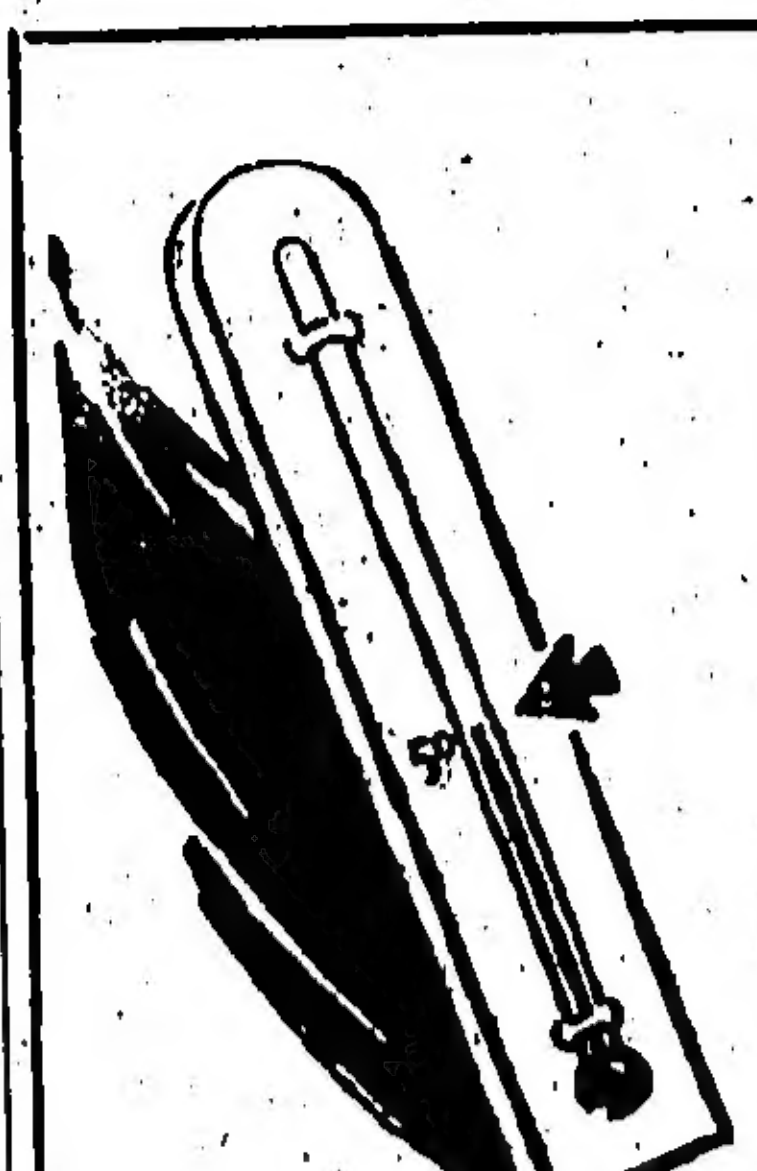
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about 1,500 h.p., which gave her a
speed of 14.3 knots on trial.

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now been fitted consists of twin-
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1,425 tons (through).

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Sambra, Singapore—A.P. Co.—720
tons kerosene and benzine for Hong
Kong, 3,009 tons (through).

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Yokohama, Shanghai—Mackinnon
Mackenzie—89 passengers, 20 tons
general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,500
tons (through).

Chip Shing (1199) British, from
Tangku, Wei-hai-wel—J.M.—10
passengers, 2,328 tons general cargo
for Hong Kong, 281 (through).

Yingchow (1216) British, from
Shanghai, Amoy—B. & S.—22 pas-
sengers, 650 tons general cargo for
Hong Kong, 950 tons (through).

Chenan (1355) British, from
Canton—B. & S.—53 passengers,
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cargo (through).

New Mathilde (842) British,
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cargo (through).

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Tacoma, Milke—B. & S.—28 pas-
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Danish	0	0	1
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London.—The Lord Mayor of
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sion House for the purpose of pas-
sing the following resolution:—
"That, having been informed of the
objects of the Industrial Peace
Union and of the Empire Trade
League and of the work which
those societies are doing and the
satisfactory results accruing there-
from, this meeting is of opinion
that their work should be combined
and extended and merits the finan-
cial support without which those
objects cannot be accomplished."

The resolution was proposed by
Mr. J. W. Beaumont Peace (chair-
man of Lloyd's Bank, Ltd.), and
seconded by Mr. W. L. Hitchens
(chairman of Messrs. Cammell Laird
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Amongst the other speakers were
Mr. Amery (Secretary of State for
the Dominions and Colonies), Sir
Robert Horne, Lieut.-Col. Sir J.
Norton Griffiths, Mr. W. W. Paine,
Sir Ernest Benn, The Earl of
Denbigh, and Mr. J. P. Houlton.

"Co-operation is always better
than conflict," urged Mr. Amery,
who added that Labour and Capital
had to look to the same thing for
their prosperity—the productive
efficiency of this country. He went
on to develop the value of Empire
combination. The possibilities of
Empire development were vast and
unlimited, only by trading with each
other could we solve the funda-
mental problem of Empire trade, he
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Waste of Strikes.

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000,000. The future of England
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it exercised with the Dominions.

Mr. J. W. Beaumont Peace, in
proposing the resolution, said that
it was hardly conceivable to think
there were people who still thought
war paid better than peace. The
fallacy of that belief was shown
that afternoon in the announce-
ment of the amalgamation of the
Industrial Peace Union of the Em-
pire Trade League. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. W. L. Hitchens, in seconding,
said that he represented the basic
industries of Britain, and those
basic industries were passing
through very difficult and critical
times. Those industries wanted
money, peace and markets. The
banks could give them the money—
they had plenty. They would give
the money provided the industries
could help to provide peace, and the
markets. (Hear, hear.) Amongst
the people who would help along
that path was that non-hearted old
patriot, Mr. J. Havelock Wilson.
(Hear, hear.) Furthermore it was
the combination of those two so-
cieties that would help towards the
great end of industrial peace.

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foreign port, is "not on the high
seas," a seaman named Joseph
Maro, Philadelphia, obtained his
absolute discharge from a murder
charge. Maro, who was a member
of the crew of the United States
Shipping Board's vessel "City of
St. Joseph," was indicted for the
murder of Joseph Koontz, another
seaman, while the ship was at
Leghorn, Italy, on August 8, 1924.
During a quarrel, Maro struck
Koontz with a bottle, and the
latter died two months later in a
hospital at Leghorn.

When the Federal Government
sought to have Maro tried for
homicide, Adrian Bonnelly, a local
attorney and friend of Maro, raised
two questions, in a writ of
Habeas Corpus proceedings. One
was that a ship docked in a for-
eign port was not on the high
seas, and the other was that as
Koontz's death occurred on foreign
soil, the murder charge could be
tried only in Italy.

The District Judge sustained
both these contentions.

The Government appealed, but
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Tsao via S'ow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Wed., 29th Aug. at Noon
Oosha via Amoy, Shanghai,		
Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Fri., 24th Aug. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Sat., 14th Sept. at 7 a.m.
Canton & Calcutta	CHIPSANG	Sat., 18th Aug. at 9 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Sat., 25th Aug. at 9 p.m.
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THE CROWN AND THE COURTS.

The general manager of the Chamber of Shipping, Mr. H. M. Clouston, has addressed the following letter to the editor of "The Times" on the attitude of the shipping industry towards litigation between the subject and the Crown, and the immunity of State shipping enterprises.

"The Attorney-General's announcement that he cannot hold out any hope of early legislation to place the subject in a fair position in relation to the Crown when engaged in litigation with a Department of State, on the ground that it is 'far from being non-contentious,' will bring general disappointment. The shipping industry have since 1921 been actively following the possibilities of such an amendment of the law.

"The whole principle of the administration of justice is that some quite impartial person should be the arbiter as to what is just, knowing well that in most cases each party feels himself to be in the right. The existing immunity of State Departments and the cumbersome procedure whereby the State may permit the subject to sue it in a limited number of cases gives the right to one of the parties to judge the case beforehand and to refuse to submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts.

"The Government have been aware of the need for amending the law since 1921, and a Bill for that purpose has been prepared. The Chamber of Shipping at their annual meeting on February 22, 1928, unanimously passed a resolution 'urging the Government to give immediate facilities for the passage of the Bill prepared by Lord Chief Justice Hewart's Committee at the request of the Lord Chancellor, giving the subject the same right of action against the Crown as against another subject, and applying the ordinary practice of the Courts to proceedings by and against the Crown.'

"Public attention has recently been arrestingly drawn to the immunity possessed by State shipping enterprises. This is a department of the general question in which shipowners are particularly concerned both in their own interests and in those of their passengers, crews, and cargoes. An International Convention was drafted in 1922 and adopted by the Brussels Diplomatic Conference to abolish this particular State immunity. It now awaits ratification, and if the Government would only bring it before Parliament there is no reason to doubt its acceptance by the Legislature. The need for this Convention is the more manifest in these days when Governments own large merchant fleets, and have stepped down into the market-place and become ordinary traders, but this is not confined to shipping. Governments tend constantly to enlarge their scope beyond that of merely governing, and to take part in commercial operations where they enjoy the benefits, but do not accept the obligations of the subject. Nor is the matter of tort less important, as it is manifestly unjust that the State should deny redress to the subject against whom it, in the person of its servants, commits a wrongful act.

"The appeal of the Chairman of the Bar, Council and the President of the Law Society to introduce the present Bill has the full support of the shipping industry, and it is believed of the commercial community in general. It is suggested that:—(1) The Government should immediately introduce a Bill to ratify the Convention on Immunity of Public Ships. (2) Inform the public what are the issues which the Attorney-General regards as contentious on the more general and a local question. (3) There is a general appreciation of the fact that, with the goodwill of all parties, the Government has taken the matter up, and it is earnestly hoped that it will complete the work without any unnecessary loss of time."

SHIPWRECK MYTH.

"YANGTZE 500 DROWNED" STORY.

Hankow, Yesterday. Foreign sources state that the report of the wrecking of the Chinese steamer "Hsin Shu Tung" on the Rapids of the Upper Yangtze River this week is unfounded.

This report originated from a Chinese news agency at Chungking, whence the ship was said to be bound for Ichang—Reuter. [Note: At the time it was stated that the ship was a total loss, that about 500 persons were drowned, and that at least one English missionary was believed to be on board.]

HELM ORDERS.

MASTER MARINERS VOTE AGAINST CHANGE.

Southampton.—The members of the Southampton Master Mariners' Club voted on the question of whether the existing helm orders should be changed, at their luncheon meeting when Captain J. H. A. Smith, secretary of the Southampton pilots, and a member of the club, was asked whether he could give the meeting an idea of the reasons why the Pilots' Conference passed a resolution in favour of a change. Captain Smith replied in detail after which the question of a change from "port" and "starboard" to "left" and "right" was put to the vote.

That the master mariners were not in agreement with the pilots on this point was apparent, as a "no change" resolution was carried, with only two dissentients.

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The Dollar Liner "President Pierce" is due to sail from Manila at 4 p.m. to-morrow August 18, arriving here at 7 a.m. on Monday, August 20. This steamer will sail at noon on Tuesday, August 21, for Victoria and Seattle, via Shanghai and Japan ports.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Singapore on August 15, and is due here on August 20, afternoon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due at Hong Kong on August 20 in the morning. She leaves for Manila on August 21 at 5 p.m.

The s.s. "Benlawers" from Leith, Middlesbrough, London and Straits left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due to arrive here on August 22.

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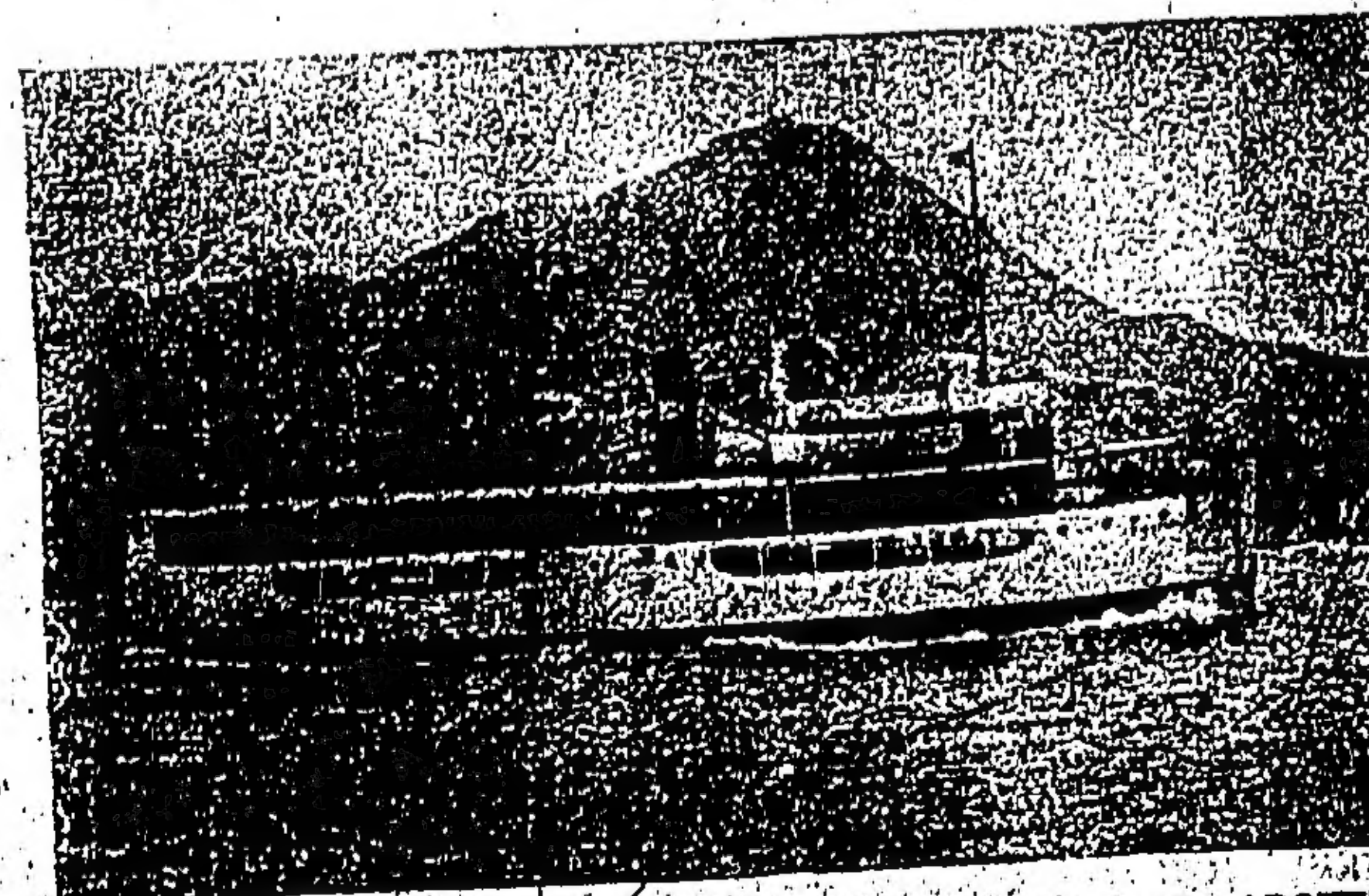
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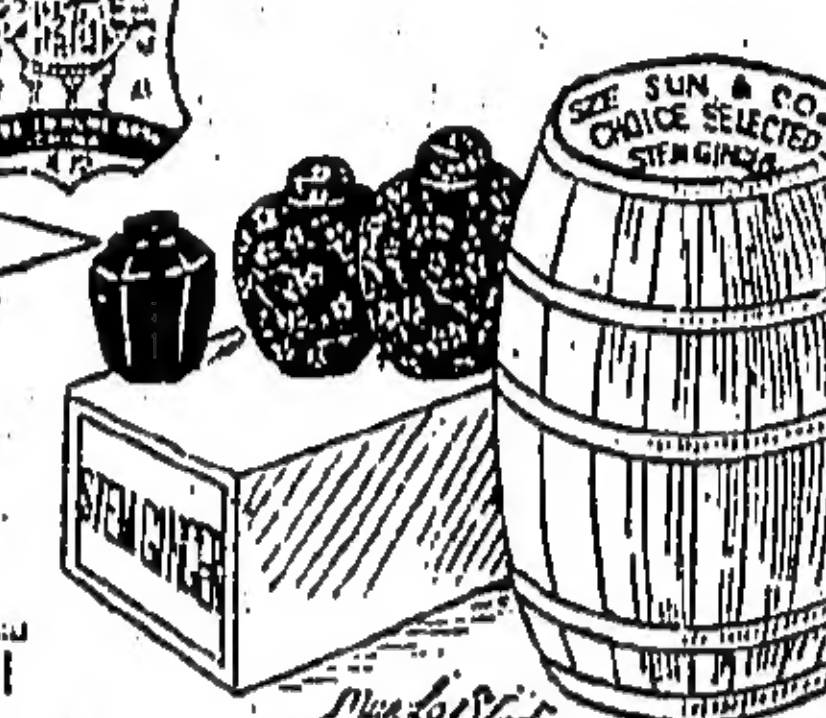
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JAPAN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

It is now fairly clear that Japan's policy in China is what keen observers have for some time thought it must continue to be, namely, one entirely dependent upon the Nationalists' attitude towards Shantung and Manchuria. Japan has a very large stake in both provinces, and even those who least sympathise with the Japanese must in fairness admit that they have done a great deal of excellent work towards developing those provinces. Naturally, the Japanese are neither disposed to have their efforts in that direction minimised by the Chinese nor indeed seriously interfered with unless adequate compensation is first clearly decided upon. The unsatisfactory nature of the Nationalists' policy is that it proceeds as though the Japanese had practically no rights in China, and that if they have these should not now be regarded seriously as they were probably obtained at the expense of China's weakness. It may suit the Nationalists to reason thus with regard to Japan and perhaps also in the case of other nations, but they will find that it is quite a different matter to prove their case and more certainly to convince those nations chiefly concerned. We are therefore not at all astonished to find Japan reiterating her refusal to listen to any Chinese proposal for Treaty revision until the Nationalists acknowledge the validity of the existing Sino-Japanese Commercial Treaty; also it is clear the Japanese do not intend mildly to acquiesce in any drastic changes the Nationalists may contemplate

with reference to Shantung and Manchuria.

Judging by their attitude towards the United States and Great Britain with regard to a settlement of the Nanking outrage, it would seem that the Nationalists have concluded that their best policy towards foreigners will be one based on recognised international procedure in such circumstances. The day has long since passed for any government of China, and more particularly one which claims to represent the nation as a whole, to act as though they were a law unto themselves. Those who, in good faith, entered into treaty obligations with those claiming to act on behalf of China have a perfect right to conclude that the Nationalists must recognise those claims. If, therefore, Japan does not see her way clear to consider the flat of the Nationalists in insisting upon Treaty revision it is for the Nationalists to see what they can do about the matter. The Nationalists have certainly brought about peace throughout China, and for that if for no other reason they deserve the gratitude of all well-wishers of the Chinese. But it does not necessarily follow that the Nationalists are to be allowed to sweep aside all previous treaties entered into with one or other of their many predecessors in office.

If such treaties are to be impugned, what faith is to be placed in any similar treaty entered into with the Nationalists? If the Nationalists have found it impracticable to recognise those treaties regarding which they suggest "revision" it is obviously for them to manoeuvre very diplomatically. They do not appear inclined to do so; and therefore it would seem that the Japanese are not reluctant to adopt a similar attitude. For the sake of giving the new Government a really good start both the American and the British Governments are prepared to consider the advisability of treaty revision, more particularly since the Nanking outrage demands appear likely to be settled amicably.

Anti-War Talk.

So the United States, with their Peace Pacts and moves to abolish wars, propose to maintain "a moderate Army and Navy, based on the requirements of national security." President Coolidge, when he uttered these words before the State Convention of the American Legion, did not pause to think, we suppose, that it has always been, at least within modern times, these armies based on the requirements of national security (blessed term) which have invariably caused

trouble. Once the armament-bogey gets into the system of a nation, it is difficult to say what will satisfy the requirements of that nation's safety. However big the Army or Navy, the excuse that personal protection needs it is always a good one. What is wanted is for some great Power to come along and say it is going to maintain military and naval forces well below what is considered adequate for national safety. Then we shall be able to gauge the value of all this anti-war pact talk. But never before.

Arriving from Singapore on August 16, the s.s. "Naldera" reported one death on board en route.

The s.s. "Calchas," arriving from Singapore on August 15, reported one case of suspected typhoid and that a Chinese had jumped overboard.

Found by the police on the Mongkok-road, the body of a Chinese, aged about 45 years, was yesterday removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

A Chinese was yesterday fined \$4, by Mr. W. Schofield, for "trick riding" on a bicycle with his arms folded. Another Chinese was fined \$3 for carrying a passenger on the cross-bar of his machine.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Chinese named Lo Kai-ming (23) on a charge of larceny of \$49.50, the property of his employers, the Tam Yu Chung tailor shop of No. 12, Wellington-street.

A seaman of the s.s. "Wing On" accidentally fell over board on Tuesday night when the vessel was on route from Hong Kong to Kowloon. He was rescued by a fishing boat and taken back to the vessel.

A Chinese named Au Kwai (48) was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his spine, received through accidentally falling from the storage gangway into the hold of the s.s. "On Lee."

The body of an unknown Chinese, aged about 25 years, was yesterday morning found by the police on the railway track inside the No. 3 tunnel. The man had apparently been knocked down and killed by a train. The remains were removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

The master of a fishing boat and his foki were charged before Commander J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning with failing to stop when called upon to do so by a police officer. The first defendant was fined \$10 and the second was discharged.

Property in Hong Kong valued at \$2,900 has been left by Alexander Jenkins, master mariner (retired), who died at Yokohama on March 14, 1928. Letters of administration, with will annexed, have been granted to Mr. L. R. Andrews, attorney for Mrs. Ito Jenkins of Yokohama, widow of the deceased, who is sole executor and beneficiary.

The University of Leeds, England, has awarded the honours degree of M.D., (Doctor of Medicine) to three of their graduates—Drs. A. Cannon (Hong Kong), H. Sugare, and Greta Wardle—as a result of the examinations held in June and July. The degrees were conferred by the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University.

Probate of the will of Lau Cheong-miu (otherwise Chan Lau Shi), a widow, who died on Oct. 1, 1927, in Hong Kong, has been granted to her three grandsons, Chan Lam-hing, Chan Lam-kwan and Chan Lam-fook, merchants of Nos. 43, 44 & 45, Argyle-street, Mongkok, who were appointed executors and trustees. The estate is valued at \$61,000 and is shared by members of the family.

Whilst engaged in tarring the roof of the bridge leading from the detective's office at Central Police Station to the Magistracy compound at 5.25 p.m., yesterday, a young Chinese workman named Lai Ming (18) lost his footing and fell into the narrow yard below, by the side of the charge room. He received injuries to his head which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

When a Chinese importer of fowls was yesterday charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with cruelty to 75 chickens, by crowding them in a crate large enough to hold only 50, he told the Magistrate that the fowls were imported from Wuchow and he had no control over the manner in which the sellers sent the chickens to Hong Kong. On Inspector Clark informing the Magistrate that defendant could have transferred the chickens to proper crates on the wharf before carrying them away, his Worship imposed a fine of \$15.

"I did not cut down the trees. I did not have a saw. Do you think we brought them down with our teeth?" Thus spoke the first defendant at the Kowloon Court this morning. He was supported in his statement by the second defendant. Described as stone-breakers of Ma Tau-kok, two Chinese were brought before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of cutting down and destroying two growing pines below Sai Kung-road, Kowloon City. They were each fined \$50 or 6 weeks' jail.

Sitting together at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson, O.B.E., estreated bail in the sum of \$1,500 when Lam Shui, the chief stoker of the s.s. "Winamac" who failed to appear in Court to answer a charge of the unlawful possession, without a licence, of a .3" revolver which was found on him at the Mongkok Ferry wharf. The revolver was ordered to be confiscated, and a warrant was issued for the defendant's apprehension.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, a Chinese named Yee Chau-san was charged on six alternative counts, with the alleged misappropriation of \$1,265 and with making false entries in account books to cover up the misappropriation. The complainant in the case appeared on the charge sheet as Yuen Wan-to, who was represented in Court by Mr. M. K. Lo. Counsel asked for a week's formal remand, explaining that he had to cable to a firm in Shanghai to send down witnesses. The defendant, who pleaded "not guilty," was remanded until next Friday. Bail in the sum of \$1,500, which was originally fixed by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., was extended.

MARRIAGE MAKERS.

NEW LAWS FRAMED IN PHILIPPINES.

A campaign against priests and Protestant ministers throughout the Islands who have not been authorised by the authorities of the Philippine Library and Museum to solemnise marriages in accordance with the new marriage law, will be started.

Of about 4,000 ministers and priests in the Islands, only 260 have been registered with the Philippine Library and Museum and approved by that institution to solemnise marriages.

Any of these priests or ministers who have not been registered and allowed by the Philippine Library and Museum to solemnise marriage, may be imprisoned for no less than six months, and fined P200 for violation of the new marriage law, it was pointed out.

Several religious sects established in Manila and elsewhere who have applied for authority to solemnise marriages, have been denied permission for failure to possess the necessary requisites called for by the law.

It is believed that many of these unlicensed ministers have been solemnising marriages in open violation of law.

£100,000 GIFT.

FOR NAVAL SCHOOL FROM DONOR OF ESTATE.

Wellington, N.Z.—Mr. G. S. Reade, who gave his estate of Holbrook, in Suffolk, as a site for the Greenwich Royal Hospital School, stated at Auckland that he had made a further offer of £100,000, to accumulate until the principal sum is large enough to produce an income which would support the establishment entirely.

Mr. Reade came to New Zealand with his wife 13 years ago, primarily for deep-sea fishing. Having no family and finding that the climate suited him, he has lived in the Dominion ever since, travelling extensively in both islands. Mr. Reade spent 30 years in India, where he accumulated a large fortune.

Mr. Reade is 83 years old. He was the proprietor of extensive tea estates in Assam and acquired interests in other industries, notably jute and coal. When he made over his Suffolk estate he said it was to show his appreciation of the splendid services rendered by the Navy to the Empire.

CHINA'S DIPLOMATS.

Nanking, Yesterday. It is learned officially that the Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, Mr. Tscheng Loh, has resigned.

Mr. Wang King-kee, a member of the Chinese delegation to the ninth League session, succeeds him.

Mr. Chuan Chiao, Secretary-General to the Chinese delegation, has been dismissed.

Mr. Samuel Young, Chinese Consul-General at New York, has been appointed acting Secretary-General to the delegation (at Geneva) and will leave New York for Geneva on Aug. 18.—Reuter.

"RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!"

The married couple off to the seaside for their annual holiday arrived at the railway station, loaded with luggage.

"I wish we'd brought the piano, Em'ly," suddenly remarked the husband.

"Don't you try to be funny," sneered his wife.

"Well, he replied, "I've left the tickets on it!"

A country parson visiting the house of one of his flock was greatly shocked to see a pig walking about the kitchen.

"What's worse, Mrs. Giles," he remarked sternly, "than to have a pig living in the house with you?"

"I don't know, sir," replied the woman, "unless it is to go and live in the sty with the beast!"

House Hunter: "Then you cannot let me have the house?"

House Agent: "Oh, yes, I'm quite willing, sir, but the tenant in now owes me a little rent, and I don't see how I'm to get him out."

House Hunter: "Why, man, that's easy. Get a Magistrate's order. That's what they did to me!"

The little man had just reported to the police that his wife was missing.

"So you want us to find her?" asked the Inspector.

"Er—no—thank you," replied the diminutive one.

"Well," said the Inspector, "why do you come here?"

"Because," was the reply, "if she came back and found I hadn't done anything about it, she'd half kill me."

Old Gentleman: "Why do you always pull your barrow instead of pushing it?"

New Gardener: "Cos I 'ates the sight of the blooming thing!"

Jones had had a rather lively evening, and had arrived late at the office next morning.

"Well!" demanded his employer. "Er—not very, Mr." replied Jones sadly.

Mother: "Have you said anything to Clara's young man? He's taken offence at something."

Father: "I haven't said a word. Why, I haven't seen him since I posted the gas bill to him."

Landlord (to tenant of house who is well in arrears): "Look here, Mr. Jones, I think it would be better for you to take the house altogether."

Tenant's Wife (from behind): "Don't do that, John, because we will then have to pay the rates."

A certain gentleman who bought a house as close to the station as he possibly could soon repented of his choice. The following is a letter he wrote to the railway company complaining of the noise made by shunting operations throughout the night.

"Gentlemen,—Why must your engines ding and dong and fix and spit and pant and grate and grind and puff and bump and clug and hoot and toot and whistle and wheeze and jar and jerk and snarl and slam and throb and roar and rattle and yell and smell and smoke and shriek all the night long?"

Bill: "Do you believe in auto-suggestion?"

Bert: "Is that the system where you are keen on repeating, 'Every day I get better and better' and you get well if you're poorly?"

Bill: "Yes, that's it."

Bert: "Well, I believe in it. Every day for the last three months I've said to myself, 'Some day I'll get a summons for not having a wireless licence,' and sure enough it came yesterday."

"They were talking of a mutual friend in the club."

"You know," said the first man, "it's a most extraordinary thing, but wherever I go I generally meet old Moxon, and he's always surrounded by girls. Girls of all sizes, shapes, and colours."

"I know," agreed another man. "Anybody could understand it if Moxon were handsome, but he's as ugly as sin and as old as the hills. How he manages to attract the girls beats me altogether."

"The third man looked up. 'There's one thing you've forgotten about Moxon,' he remarked, 'and that is the fact that he is a steel magnate.'"

"Let me see, I ordered a steak home yesterday, I think?"

"Yes, sir—so you did. Will you have the same to-day, sir?"

"Yes, if it's ready, I will."

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

CORPS BAND.

The following orders have been issued by Lieutenant Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

1. Corps Band.—The Band will parade at full strength on Tuesday, 21st and Friday, 24th August. Probationers will continue tuition under private arrangements with Corps Bandmaster A. J. M. Rodrigues.

2. The Battery.—All ranks are reminded that the Training Season starts on Friday, August 31 at 5.25 p.m. and will be followed at 6 p.m. by the General Meeting. Every member is particularly requested to attend.

Musketry Part II will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, September 2, 1928. It is hoped as many as possible will fire on this occasion. Range Officer: Captain T. Addis Martin.

3. MOUNTED INFANTRY CO.

Friday, August 17. Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Machine Gun practice on the Kennedy-road Range. Sergt. Potts' Section only.

Sunday, August 19. Field Day in accordance with instructions issued separately.

Tuesday, August 21. Parade at Stables at 5.45 p.m. for work with pack animals.

Friday, August 24. Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction. Sergt. Watson's Section only.

4. ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

Car Section.—Fridays, August 17 and 24 August, 1928. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for lecture on Car Mechanism.

Monday, August 20. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muff.

Motor Cycle Section.—Monday, August 20 and Friday, August 24. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Vickers Machine Gun Training. Dress: Muff.

Tuesday, August 21. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters with Motor Cycles at 5.30 p.m. for "Tattoo" practice. Attendance of every member is essential. Dress: Muff.

Sunday, September 2, 1928. The postponed tactical Scheme will be held in the New Territories. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10 a.m. Special Highway will leave Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m.

Dress: Uniform. Shorts, puttees, hose, belts, helmets will be worn.

5. MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Parades and N.C.O.'s classes for this month will be held on Fridays, August 17, 24 and 31 at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters. Dress: muffs as usual.

The Machine Gun Company Dinner will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 14. All ranks of the Company are asked to keep that date free.

6. SCOTTISH COMPANY.

Vickers Gun Class of Instruction will be held at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, August, 20 1928.

Training Season 1928-1929. Members of the Company are kindly requested to take particular note that Company Parades will commence on Thursday, September 6 and be continued thereafter every Thursday—details later.

Parades from commencement to Camp will be confined to training in Vickers Gun and in order that the Company may figure prominently in efficiency in use of this weapon regular attendance is necessary for formation and training of sub-sections in the handling of the Gun.

8. STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

- No. 1360 Pte. R. A. Bates, No. 2 Platoon, from 10.8.28.
- No. 1361 Bandsman F. J. Noronha, Corps Band, from 10.8.28.
- No. 1362 Pte. G. A. V. Hall, No. 2 Platoon, from 14.8.28.
- No. 1363 Gnr. B. P. Massey, The Battery, from 14.8.28.
- No. 1364 Pte. T. A. Leonard, No. 2 Platoon, from 14.8.28.

9. STRUCK OFF.

Having left the Colony:
No. 633 L/Cpl. J. B. Milne, M. I. Company, as from 11.8.28.
No. 630 Pte. J. L. McKellar, No. 7 Platoon, as from 5.7.28.
Having completed three years' service and claimed their discharge:
No. 970 Signaller Lam Kai-chi, Signals, as from 21.7.28.
No. 124 Sergt. C. Young, No. 5 Platoon, as from 17.7.28.
No. 840 Pte. J. M. Norrie, No. 7 Platoon, as from 27.5.28.
No. 852 Spr. J. H. Shaw, Engineer Company, as from 29.6.28.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAYOR
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.
(Continued on next Column.)

RICE INSURANCE.

GUILD ELABORATES A NEW SCHEME.

LOSS OF CARGO.

In order to insure against loss of their cargo between the time when the cargo is unloaded from a vessel to the time when it is taken to the shops, an elaborate scheme has been drawn up by members of the Rice Guild of this Colony.

An insurance policy has been drawn up so as to carry out such a scheme into practice, and a sum of one cent will be charged on each picul of rice a firm purchases. The proceeds are then divided into three parts, 10 per cent. will be put aside as salary for the employers of the guild, 30 per cent. for reserve fund and the remainder 60 per cent. as capital for the insurance scheme.

According to the regulation, all members of the guild must hand in a daily return of the cargo they have purchased. Should accident be met with at the time of the shifting of the cargo in the harbour or on the wharf, a sum equal to half the value of the lost cargo will be paid. On the other hand, the insurance will not take any responsibility whenever the black cross typhoon signal is hoisted in which case the owners are to take the risk themselves nor will it cover the time after 9 p.m.

At present the Guild has a capital of \$14,000 in which to carry out the insurance scheme and it has been decided that should this sum be found insufficient, members will be liable to pay contributions. New members, however, cannot enjoy the privileges of this scheme until six months after their entrance.

MR. J. A. STRAUBE.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY LAST NIGHT.

The funeral of Mr. J. A. Straube, formerly Government Custodian of Recreation Grounds, whose death at the Government Civil Hospital was reported yesterday, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

The Rev. H. V. Koop officiated at the graveside in the presence of the deceased's family and a number of friends, many of whom were Government employees. Mr. Straube's servants also accompanied his remains to their last resting place.

The chief mourners included the deceased's widow, two daughters, Lily and Helen, Mr. Peter Maxwell (son-in-law), and Mr. A. Cross (son).

Others present were Mr. E. Newhouse, Mr. John and Mr. James Maxwell, Mr. J. Baker, Mr. N. A. Johanson, Mr. A. Small, Mr. J. Woodyear, Mr. C. G. Markar, Mr. A. Black, Dr. S. A. Sepher, Mr. A. A. Sany, Mr. S. Juman, Mr. A. S. Abbas, Mr. O. M. Madar, Mr. S. and Mr. O. Ismail, Mr. R. M. Omar, Mr. J. Rodrigues, Mr. B. A. V. Remedios, and Mr. M. N. Amat.

Among the numerous floral tributes was one each from the Chinese clerks, and surveyors and draughtsmen, Roads Office, P.W.D.

NOTICES.

1. Promenade Concert.—There will be a Band Concert at Volunteer Parade Ground at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, 17th August by the Band of 2nd Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel L. J. Conyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the Officers.

Tickets of admission: \$1.00 each are obtainable at Volunteer Headquarters and Anderson Music Co., Ltd.

It is hoped all ranks of the Corps will assist in making this a financial and social success, by taking tickets for themselves and their friends.

2. Aquatic Sports.—Members of the Corps are reminded that these Sports will be held at the V.R.C. on Friday, 24th August, 1928 commencing at 9 p.m. There will be a dance immediately following the Sports.

Admission \$1.00. Tickets can be had from Corps Sergt-Major H. Westlake, D.C.M., Officers' Mess, Sergts' Mess, Canteen, Y.R.C., or any member of the Sports Committee.

Entry forms can be obtained at Volunteer Headquarters or the V.R.C. Entries free.

All entries to be sent to Cpl. D. Lyon, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

It is hoped that all members of the Corps and their friends will make a special effort to be present on this occasion.

3. Cricket.—Will all those who want to play for the Volunteer this season please attend the meeting at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th August, 1928.

LENIN AND TROTSKY

CHANGING TOWN NAMES IN RUSSIA.

DUBBED "ANTI-CHRIST."

Names, like other old landmarks, have been changing at a rapid pace in Russia since the Revolution. The records show that twenty thousand family and proper names have been officially altered during the last ten years; and this takes no account of the new appellations which have come into more or less general use under the Soviet regime. And a study of the map reveals sixty-six cities and towns of the Soviet Union which have exchanged old names for new, writes a correspondent to the "Observer" from Moscow.

The rush to change family and proper names after the Revolution was to some extent a reaction from the extreme strictness which the Tsarist authorities always showed in connection. In former times a Russian subject who for any reason was dissatisfied with his name found it difficult to ob-



Dr. George T. Harding, father of the late President Harding. Dr. Harding is a Civil War veteran. He is now 84 years old.

tain legal permission for a change. Sometimes the officials gratified a questionable taste in humour in considering petitions of this kind. So, in one instance, a family whose Russian name signified "Donkey" was only permitted to exchange it for the name "Pig."

It was found that the complete freedom of changing names, which was introduced immediately after the Revolution, lent itself to abuses. Criminals took advantage of this right, and some persons adopted indecent or objectionable names. The law at the present time provides that persons who have reached the age of eighteen may adopt new names provided the latter do not injuriously affect the interests of the State, of society, or of private individuals. The right of the wife to retain her maiden name after marriage, so hotly championed by feminists in America, is not at issue in Russia, where either party in a marriage may freely keep or change his or her original name.

"ANTI-CHRIST" AS A NAME.

"Praise-God Barabores" and other picturesque scriptural appellations of the time of Cromwell have their parallels in Soviet Russia. Foreign relief workers in an obscure Russian country town discovered a very young citizen of the Soviet Union whom an uncompromisingly anti-religious parent had dubbed "anti-Christ." It cannot be said that this name is common; and should the lot of its bearer be cast in a pleasant village he will quite probably find it socially advisable to discard it in favour of some name which is more conventional and less likely to be associated with droughts, hail-storms, and other natural calamities. But zealous Communist parents quite frequently bestow on their offspring such names as "Vladimir" (the initial syllables of the name Vladimir Lenin), or "Ninel" (Lenin's name written backward).

Girl babies in some cases have been started in life with such names as "Barricade" (Barricade) and "Elektrifikatsia." (Electrification). Perhaps the most formidable of these new names was Diamata, which, as the proud parent explained, was an abbreviation for Dialectic Materialism.

RENAMED TOWNS.

As might have been expected, Lenin has been the chief beneficiary in the changed names of cities and towns. Besides Leningrad, there is Leningradsk, formerly Alexandropol, in Armenia; and the highest mountain in Russia, formerly Mount Kaufman, in the Pamir region, has been renamed Mount Lenin. Moreover, Lenin's birthplace, Simbirsk, has been rechristened Ulianovsk, in honour of

the actual family name of the Bolshevik leader.

The cities and towns which formerly bore such familiar Tsarist names as Nicholas, Alexander, and Catherine have almost invariably been rechristened. So Ekaterinburg in the Urals is now Sverdlovsk; Ekaterinoslav in Ukraine is Dnipropetrovsk; the new name of Alexandrovsk is Zaporozhe, and Ekaterinodar, the former capital of the White General Denikin, is officially Krasnodar.

"TROTSKY"

Soviet precedent is rather against naming towns after living political figures, although the town of Tairitsin, on the Lower Volga, has been renamed Stalingrad, in honour of the potent Secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee. Two examples illustrate the peril of bestowing permanent honour of such a kind on men whose political fate is subject to the mutabilities of fortune. The town of Gatchina, near Leningrad, was called Trotsky, in recognition of Trotsky's services in the defence of Petrograd against Yudenitch, in the Russian Civil War. Now it has been obliged to adopt another new name of Krasnoarmeisk (Red Army soldier), which, being less personal, may prove more durable.

When the prestige of Gregory Zinoviev stood high in the Communist council his native town of Elizavetgrad, in Ukraine, sought and obtained the honour of changing its name to Zinovievsk. When Zinoviev's star set another alteration was obviously in order, and the town Elizavetgrad-Zinovievsk found a refuge in this dilemma by adopting the name Dzerzhinsk, after Felix Dzerzhinsky, famous as the organiser of the Chekka, and later President of the Russian Supreme Economic Council. Inasmuch as

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed by the s.s. "Changte" yesterday for Australian ports via Manila were:—

Archbishop M. J. O'Doherty, Bp. O'Donnell, Bp. J. P. McCloskey, Bp. MacGinley, Bp. S. Haebeang, Rev. P. Quimbo, Rev. J. Singzon, Archbishop P. J. Hurth, Rev. L. Capalla, Rev. M. Catmaytan, Miss J. Javellana, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Dr. Krentz, Dr. W. Berning, Dr. Spennschien, Abbe Molitor of Gerlene, Fr. Provincial Jansen, Bp. J. Clos, Rev. S. Abrera, Mr. F. Lopez, Mr. A. Arcenas, Rev. C. P. Brennan, Rev. P. Daly, Mr. and Mrs. Long Tak-sam, Mr. and Mrs. M. Javellana, Miss Daniel, Mrs. Hay, Mr. R. Ledesma, Mr. P. Mapa, Mr. O. Ledesma, Miss L. Ledesma, Miss C. Ledesma, Miss R. Javellana, Miss M. Na Long, Miss Nee Sn Long, Mr. F. Long, Sister H. Van Oost, Sister E. J. McDermott, Rev. C. Serrano, Rev. N. de Guzman, Miss E. C. Rummel, Miss V. E. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Mar Chut, Miss D. Mar Chut (3), Tsai Shao-hsiang, Yuan Hsi-hsieh, Henry K. Chen, William Ling, Louie Mun-shong, Man Lee, Mah Gum-shong, Mr. Louie Poy-tong, Lam Jang, Ah You, Ah Haw, Chung Lee, Ah Bong, Kai Soon, Chung Toy, Samuel Ah Moi, Shun Hing, David William, Chon Yik-ma, Ah Wing, Way Fong, Ah War, Choy Sim, Bing Yuong.

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On demand 1247 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 1322 1/2
On Berlin—
On demand
On New York—
On demand 49
Credits, 60 days' sight 50 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 134 1/4
On demand 134 1/4
On Calcutta—
Wire 134 1/4
On demand 134 1/4
On Singapore—
On demand 87
On Manila—
On demand 98 1/4
On Shanghai—
On demand 78 1/4
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Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "18 Washington Square."
To-day—Star Theatre; "God Gave Me Twenty Cents."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Pottery."

To-day—Promenade Concert at Volunteer Parade Ground 9.15 p.m. August 19—Return engagement of the famous juvenile dancers, Miss Charlie Valentine and Miss Tomasita Birdwell at Queen's Theatre, 9.20 p.m.

August 21—World Theatre; Charlie Chaplin in "The Circus."

Lammert's Auction.

August 18—At Sales Room, Duddell St., miscellaneous goods and electrical fittings, 10.30 a.m.

August 19—At Sales Room, Duddell St., 66 cases sardines in oil and 6 cases salmon, 10.30 a.m.

August 21—At Sales Room, Duddell St., well-known cigars and cigarettes and tobacco etc., etc., 11 a.m.

August 21—At No. 15 Licensed Ware-house (No. 11, On Lan-st., ground floor, Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobacco, etc., 3 p.m.

Land Sales.

August 20—At P. W. D. Offices, Crown lands at Shamshui, and Mong Kok Tsai, 3 p.m.

Meeting.

August 23—Meeting at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

Sport.

August 21—Royal Navy night fete at V. R. C. 9 p.m.

August 24—H.K.V.D.C. aquatic sports at Victoria Recreation Club, 9 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

August 29—Second Moonlight picnic of St. Peter's Y. M. Club.

September 14—H.K.V.D.C. (Machine Gun Company) dinner, Headquarters, 8 p.m.

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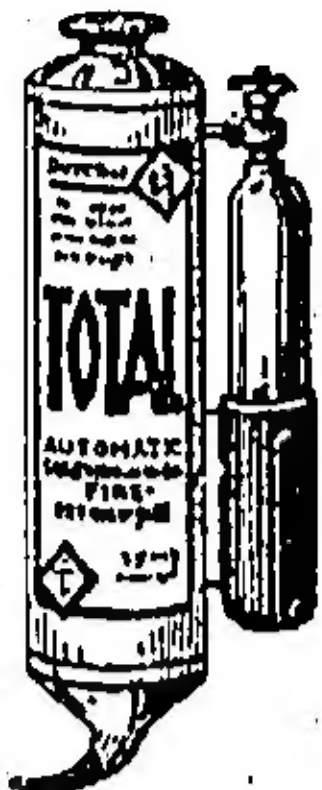
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(a) Education of the Public on
Cancer.

PREVENTION OF CANCER.

Cancer often follows prolonged
irritation and neglect of personal
cleanliness. Prevention of the for-
mer and care of the latter would
certainly produce a fall in the
incidence of the disease in some of
the situations in which it frequent-
ly occurs. These sites are given
below and also the means by which,
as far as possible, the growth may
be prevented.

CANCER OF THE LIP.

Cancer in this situation almost
always occurs in men and very
rarely in women. The men most
often attacked are those who use
clay pipes, or who have broken,
decayed or irregular teeth. Patients
nearly always say that the cancer
has appeared on the side on which
they habitually rest the hot stem of
the pipe, and it is now held that
the chronic irritation, caused by
the heat and friction of the stem,
is the actual cause of the new
growth in the skin of the lip. A
jagged tooth or broken denture acts
in the same way. To prevent this
condition—1. Excessive pipe smok-



President Doumergue, who at-
tended the opening of the ex-
hibition celebrating the 100th anni-
versary of the birth of the famous
French sculptor, Rodon.

CANCER OF THE WOMB.

The chronic inflammation which
so often precedes cancer in this
region occurs in neglected wounds
and after tears of the neck of the
womb after the birth of a child.
If a woman suffering from any
discharge following the birth of her
baby, places herself under medical
or surgical treatment the primary
condition may be completely cured,
thus lessening the risk of subse-
quent malignant disease.

STOMACH AND BOWELS.

The study of the alimentary
tract and the sites at which cancer
occurs therein suggests the possi-
bility that the chronic irritation
caused by hasty meals, too hot food
and drink, chronic constipation and
the potent drugs often taken to
remedy it, may have some connec-
tion with the occurrence of cancer
in the stomach and bowels. A
normal, complete, and regular
evacuation of the bowels every
morning, together with the avoid-
ance of hasty, half-chewed meals
and very hot food and drink, are
strongly advised both on general
hygienic grounds and as a possible
protective measure against cancer
of the stomach and the bowels.

(b) Some questions and the
answers on Cancer.

1. What is Cancer?—A dis-
ease in which a malignant growth
appears in any part of the body.
At first it is purely a local disease,
but sooner or later it spreads to
other parts of the body and causes
death.

2. Is It An Important Dis-
ease?—Yes. It causes the
death of over 50,000 persons in
England and Wales alone every
year. One person in seven over the
ages of 50 will die of this
disease.

BORODIN AGAIN.

Stated to Be Coming Back
to China.

Harbin, Yesterday.
Despatches to the vernacular
press state that M. Borodin
(formerly the Soviet High adviser
to the Nationalists) is returning
to China, probably to Urgan, in
Mongolia.—Reuter.

3. May It Attack Anyone?
—Yes, but chiefly the middle-aged
and elderly.

4. Is There Any Hope of
Cure?—Yes. When it is recognis-
ed early and is then promptly re-
moved, before it has had time to
grow or to spread to other parts of
the body.

5. What Are The Causes
of the Disease?—They are ob-
scure, but we know that it follows
irritation of certain parts of the
body, for example, of the lips by
short clay pipes, the tongue by
jagged teeth, the skin by certain
chemicals, etc.

6. Are There Any Signs Which
Would Suggest That Cancer Is
Commencing?—There are some, for
example, an ulcer of the tongue, lip,
or skin, which does not heal; lumps
or swellings in various parts of the
body, especially the breast; persist-
ent hoarseness; moles or warts
which commence to grow; digestive
trouble, especially if attended by
free from it; a change in the
regularity of the action of the
bowels, whether constipation or
diarrhoea, especially if attended by
the presence of blood or slime in
the motions; the development of
piles in middle-aged or elderly
people, who have not had them
before; and in women an offensive
discharge or flow of blood other
than the usual monthly periods.

7. Is Cancer A Painful Dis-
ease?—In the early stages,
no. The onset is usually painless.
In the later stages pain and ill-
health appear.

8. Are The Advertised Cures of
Any Value?—No. Not one of
them. To resort to quick remedies
is to waste time, to allow the dis-
ease to spread, and to sacrifice the
life of the patient.

9. What Should Be Done?
—At the earliest moment be
examined by your doctor, and
follow his advice.

I would like to draw the readers
attention to a book entitled "Cancer
and the Public," by Charles P.
Child, F.R.C.S., (Methuen), in
which he stresses ten important
points, which shortage of room
here does not allow me to publish.

Ornamental coping, weighing a
ton fell from St. Stephen's
square, Baywater, W., and the
cause is believed to be the vibration
of pneumatic road drills.

A dolphin 12 ft. long has been
washed ashore at Folkestone, ap-
parently killed by the propeller of a
steamer.

TREASURES.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERIES
IN PRIVATE COLLECTION.

MACHIAVELLI'S PORTRAIT.

Portrait of Machiavelli that had
been lost for more than a century
recently turned up in a private
collection in England. In fact,
several famous pictures and his-
torical treasures have been re-
trieved within a few months.
Certain documents dating from the
period of Charles I, after many
strange adventures extending over
a period of nearly a century, have
just found their way to the Public
Records Office in England. They
are believed to have been stolen
from the Houses of Parliament
when they were burned in 1834.

The thief supposedly sold them
as waste paper in Hungerford
Market, on the site of which Char-
ing Cross now stands. Robert Cole,
a London solicitor, bought them
with other documents at sixpence
a pound. Some of the papers
bore the signature of Nell Gwyn.
These Mr. Cole resold at several
guineas apiece. When he died the
documents relating to Charles I
were acquired by George Townsend
and finally passed on to Herbert
Townsend, who has restored them to
the British nation.

The Discovery.

The Public Records Office made a
discovery recently in its own files.
In a bundle of papers was found a



Franklin D. Roosevelt, who made
the speech introducing Governor
Smith for the nomination at the
Democratic National Convention at
Houston. Roosevelt is also a can-
didate for Governor of New York,
running to succeed Governor Smith.

small piece of parchment partly
eaten away by mice. Examiner
asserted it to be the earliest ex-
ample of printing in England by
Caxton. In 1475 there had been a
jubilee in Rome, and Catholics
gained special privileges in that
year by making a pilgrimage. John
Abbot of the ancient monastery of
Abingdon obtained authority to
extend these privileges, by means of
an "indulgence," to persons who had
not made an actual pilgrimage.

He gave Caxton instructions to
print copies of the "indulgence,"
and the names of those to whom it
was granted were added by hand.
During building operations near
Blackfriars, London, a boy picked
up a book inscribed on one side
with the birthday (May 17, 1475)
of Queen Caroline, consort of King
George IV, and on the other with
the date of her marriage (April
8, 1795).

Two long-forgotten portraits of
George Washington by old Ameri-
can masters were sold not long ago
to the City of Washington. One of
these was unearthed in a lumber
room of an old house in the North
of England.

The house was once owned by
Osney Abbey, and Richard Ridge,
chief woodcarver to Henry VIII,
made some panelling surmounted by
beautifully carved frieze of mer-
maids and dolphins, for the banquet-
ing hall. Two strips of the frieze
were missing. Some children
romping in a loft picked through a
rotten piece of skirting-board,
behind which lay the two pieces of
missing frieze.

Tintoretto's "Diana and En-
dymion," purchased seven years ago
for £20, has just been sold for 4,100
guineas (about \$21,000). The
owner bought the picture from a
stranger, chiefly on account of the
beauty of its frame, and was un-
aware that the painting was valu-
able until a dealer who saw it lying
in a workshop offered to purchase
it for £40. When the dealer began
eagerly to increase his offer it was
sent to London.

A girl weighing 115 lbs. has been
born at the Liverpool Maternity
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references to the sinister secret societies which have existed
for years, an amazing narrative has been provided for the
"OVERLAND CHINA MAIL," the only illustrated weekly sum-
mary of China and local news published in Hong Kong. It
only because of his accusation against "certain people in the
Japanese Army" for having helped the murderers, the writer
has caused a deep stir in political circles. In short, the story,
reproduced by the "Overland" in extenso, is of the type that
will provide welcome reading in all parts of the world, coming
as it does from the romantic East.

Large numbers of "overseas weekly" editions of Home
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which surprised more than one continent, the visit of Chinese
and Philippine notables, the death of a former high official, etc.

As usual, the features in the "Overland" deal compre-
hensively with matters of wide scope. What the Nationalists are
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Sport Columns

TENNIS.

WHO WILL WIN "C" DIVISION LEAGUE?

C.R.C.'S PROBLEM.

The two Chinese Recreation Club teams in the "C" division of the tennis league are still in winning vein and although they are not yet actually out of the reach of Club de Recreio II, as regards the ultimate destination of the shield, it is generally expected that the championship will be decided between C.R.C. I. and C.R.C. II. when these two sides meet.

The Chinese "No. 1" team, in a mid-week fixture, easily accounted for South China Athletic Association and have placed themselves two points above their "No. 2" team, but the latter have played one match less.

Civil Service Cricket Club advanced two places in the table as the result of a victory over Indian Recreation Club on Wednesday. In their last few matches, the Civil Servants showed great improvement in their play and if they can maintain their good form it will not be surprising to see them finish the season well up in the table.

Kowloon Cricket Club played off their postponed fixture with the University in the "B" division, the result being a decisive win for the Pokfulam team.

According to the official fixture card, the season ended last Saturday but in view of the many postponed matches brought about by the inclement weather, it is likely that some of the unplayed games will be decided to-morrow.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

"A" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	6	6	0	12
Hong Kong C.C.	6	4	2	8
M.B.K.	6	4	2	8
Indian R.C.	6	2	4	4
Kowloon C.C.	6	2	4	4
Craigengower C.C.	5	1	4	2
University	5	1	4	2

"B" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	10	10	0	20
South China A.A.	9	8	1	16
Hong Kong C.C.	10	8	2	16
Recreio II	9	6	3	12
Nippon Club	8	4	4	8
Indian R.C.	10	4	6	8
University	9	4	5	8
M.B.K.	8	3	5	6
Craigengower C.C.	10	1	9	2
Royal Engineers	9	1	8	2
Kowloon C.C.	8	0	8	0

"C" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C. I.	12	12	0	24
Chinese R.C. II.	11	11	0	22
Recreio II.	11	10	1	20
Kowloon C.C.	10	7	3	14
Civil Service C.C.	11	7	4	14
South China A.A.	9	6	3	12
Hong Kong C.C.	10	6	4	12
Recreio I.	12	6	6	12
R.A.O.C.	12	5	7	10
R.A.M.C.	11	4	7	8
Kennedy-rd. M.C.	12	4	8	8
Nippon	9	2	7	4
Y.M.C.A.	11	2	9	4
Indian R.C.	13	1	12	2
Kowloon I.T.C.	12	0	12	0

TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

Opening of Y.M.C.A. Hard Courts.

The Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club held an open tournament on the new hard courts at the rear of the Y.M. Building on Thursday evening. Eight pairs entered, and the games were played off with the minimum of delay. Owing to the brief hour of light available after 5.30, the games were limited to the best of seven, the pair taking four games qualifying for the next round. Some very good tennis ensued, and the tournament was so successful that it is hoped to arrange others from time to time.

The following list shows the progress of the games:

First Round.

J. M. Purvis and F. Caveney lost to C. Pile and H. B. Burson by 4-0.

W. Taylor and Capt. Fogg beat C. Angus and A. F. Brennan by 4-2.

J. Hughes and V. M. Hast lost to A. Trambitzky and A. Leach by 4-1.

R. W. Sapsed and E. N. Ponsford

EASY FOR NOTTS.

NORTHANTS LOSE BY 9 WICKETS.

LARWOOD SHINES.

London, Yesterday. Nottinghamshire beat Northamptonshire by nine wickets. Northants 164 (Larwood 5 for 53) and 173. Notts 277 and 61 for one.—Reuter.

BASEBALL.

ST. JOSEPH'S BEAT S.C. SCOUTS.

The St. Joseph's College baseball squad continued its winning streak in the Junior Division of the local League yesterday when they conquered the tough South China Scouts outfit by 7 points to 5.

The Collegians led all the way, although the game was marked by an absence of speed, and with the exception of the fourth frame, runs were slow in coming. Owing to an insufficient supply of balls, much time was wasted in retrieving foul balls which went behind the stand.

The South China Scouts put up a very determined fight in the last inning, and for a time looked as if they would succeed in pulling off a draw, but they were well held by the Collegians who conceded only one point in this frame.

Score by innings:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
S.C. Scouts	2	0	1	1	0	1	5	10
St. Joseph's	2	0	0	5	0	0	7	17

The game was umpired by Zafra of the Filipino Club and S. S. Lee of the South China "Dragons."

TEX'S TASK.

LOOKING FOR NEW HEAVYWEIGHT.

CAULIFLOWER CARNIVAL.

New York, Aug. 9.

Tex Richard to-day announced that seventy-five aspirants to the vacant heavyweight title will compete in the forthcoming elimination tournament.

The cauliflower carnival will be divided into three classes, according to the supposed merits or otherwise of the various entrants.

An International Rag. Among those included in the first class will be Jack Sharkey, the conversational sailor boy from Boston; Johnny Risko, the battling baker of Cleveland; Tommy Loughran, light heavyweight titleholder; Tom Heeney, bloody but unbowed; Paulino Uzcudun from the Pyrenees; Knute Hansen from Copenhagen; Phil Scott the Briton; Bert O'Lallo, Von Horrat, Young Stribling, Pierre Charles Dorval, Jack Cross, Arthur DeKuh, Robert O. Roberts and Joe Sekyra.

Rickard evidently has worked out a comprehensive plan for the tournament, which will be on such a wholesale scale that fight fans ought to be glutted on gore for a while to come. Prices are expected to be cut down extensively, particularly in view of the disappointing gate at the recent Tunney-Heeney embroilment.—U.P.

lost to J. M. Jack and Dean Swann by 4-2.

Semi-Final.

C. Pile and H. B. Burson beat W. Taylor and Capt. Fogg by 4-3. A. Trambitzky and A. Leach lost to J. M. Jack and Dean Swann by 4-1.

Final (best of nine games).

J. M. Jack and Dean Swann beat C. Pile and H. B. Burson by 6-2.

At the end of the Tournament the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. presented spoons to the winning pair.

The hard courts are now in good playing condition, on one-colouring matter has been laid, in order to obviate sun-glare in the early afternoon. The other court is marked out with black lines, as in the winter season it is used at night for basketball matches.

This tournament is one of a special series of summer activities arranged for members; the next being a Bridge-drive, to be held in the building on Thursday, August 30, and the final entertainment will take the form of a Billiards Flying Handicap, to be played off on Thursday, September 13. Members are asked to book these dates.

BOWLS.

CRAIGENGOWER IMPROVE STRONG POSITION. TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

[By "Blas"]

The tit-bit last Saturday was the match at Talkoo against the champions and they have crossed what may be their stiffest hurdle successfully. I heard in the early part of the season about the Talkoo green and like a lot of other people, I would not have been surprised if the 'slight advantage of knowing its peculiarities had just caused the pendulum to swing in favour of the Dock. Craigengower deserve all the good things that have been said about them by winning even by the small margin of 7 and it was the same old story, two rinks holding their own doggedly and the third bringing home the necessary shots to take the league points. Omar again showed his prowess as a skip and against seasoned opponents he did well to finish 8 shots up.

They have only had 14 players on view during the season and that is one reason why they seem to know each other's play so well. At home they are very formidable because though their green is in excellent condition, there is a slight fall towards the road, and most matches are played this way. Here the home players who practise assiduously have a slight advantage.

I did not expect to see the lowly Civil Servants take the points away from Kowloon Dock; but I did not expect to see them go down by 27 points, nor to see one rink 30 points. However in all games of sport it is the same—when you are not looking out for your own side.

port Skips lost 8. In one head this season. Civil Service are now doomed and all eyes are on their second string.

The other match Kowloon Cricket Club versus the Police was a close one, but K.C.C. are not to be underestimated. I expected the Police to win because they have struck a very good patch lately and have a very experienced side. Gibson's victory by 12 shots over A. Clark, both of whom are in the running for the Championship of the Colony came as a bit of a surprise.

In the Second Division there were no matches of special interest. Civil Service had to win and they did and all the other games went as was generally expected.

The Yacht Club I noticed were a man short on one rink and that might just have turned the tables. Neither team is in the running however and no harm has been done.

TO-MORROW.

The Champions oppose K.C.C. at the valley and are expected to continue their run of success. They must "hang warily" however because every side that meets them now is on its mettle to lower their flag. K.C.C. have to play them home and away, and to-morrow's match will decide the Championship if Craigengower win. I say this because in the postponed match against Kowloon Dock being 13 shots ahead I cannot see them lose.

Civil Service entertain Talkoo at the Valley. By all the laws of probability the Dock men must win; but now the Civil Servants know that they are down to the Second Division next year, they may roll up their sleeves and spring a surprise. Hollidge's rink has shown that it can win matches and Grimmitt will be out for revenge. Watch for this result. Kowloon Bowling Green visit the valley to play the Police and will find themselves up against a formidable array of talent. If they take the points away, they will destroy the Police team's chance of finishing second; but I don't think they can.

In the Second Division we have the most interesting match of the afternoon. The much fancied Civil Service 2nd go over to Kowloon to play Club de Recreio "A" and will have to play all they know to win. They have been out at every opportunity lately practising and their tails are up. If the Recreio win it will mean a fine tussle for the Shield. In the other three games I expect to see the home side win.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

But for the weather the Singles Championship of the Colony would have been over, or at least, we should have been waiting to see the finalists perform. We have now got to the last eight and one of these matches is to be played to-night—A. Clark versus J. O. McLaggan, on Craigengower Green. McLaggan is much fancied, but I think my favourite for the prize, A. Clark, will just win.

During the week J. A. Brown beat J. A. Lindsay and the state of the draw now is Hogbin v. Gibson.

IN THE RING.

SHORTLAND A PROMISING HEAVYWEIGHT. CRITICAL COMMENTS.

[By Eugene Corri.]

I was referee of the 15-rounds fight at Doncaster between Donald Shortland and Herbert Crossley, the much improved Moxborough boy. At the end of what was in every way a capital fight, I awarded the dict to Shortland, holding that he made most marks in seven rounds. Crossley took four, the others were even. And I am quite convinced that all impartial readers of the contest were of my way of thinking.

There was not the least doubt in my own mind, though there might have been in the minds of others, that the Sheffield youngster thoroughly deserved to be voted the winner. In affairs of the kind, bringing together as they do, two Yorkshire camps of avowed rivalry, there is bound to be the taking of sides. Partisanship is inevitable. But let me say that the type of sportsman I happened upon at Doncaster was of the best possible kind.

Heavy-weight fights may be the best, as they may be the worst. Often they are both. This particular one was decidedly above the average. It certainly fulfilled my expectations.

I am asked what I think about the future of Shortland. Do I think he will get to the top of the tree, and so forth. I abhor dogmatism, or anything in the nature of boxing. You can never tell.

EXCEPTIONAL PHYSIQUE.

All the sportsmen who turn Dzerzhinsky is dead the town case against any further shortland is no more than 18 years of age—anything that smacks of gush may be harmful. So I would be what you may decide is my usual frank self.

Shortland, remembering his few years, is one of the most promising aspirants to fistic honours we have had for a very long time. Physically he is quite exceptional. A glance at him, and you would have been and then decide that he was built and intended for the trade of fighting. But I fear there are not a few who have been carried away by his bigness, and have exaggerated his fighting qualities. Shortland has done most things asked of him, but his best friends must realise that he has much to learn. It would be extraordinary, even incredible, if he were anything like the finished article. Providing that he will stick close

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Ferguson v. Brown, McFarlane v. Duncan, Clark v. McLaggan.

My remarks re the Spey Royal Cup Competition have not had any effect and it is almost certain now that nothing will be done until the return of the Interport Side from Shanghai.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

The following matches have been arranged for to-morrow:—

Division I.

Civil Service C.C. v. Talkoo R.C. Police R.C. v. Kowloon Bowling Green.

Craigengower v. Kowloon C.C.

Division II.

Talkoo R.C. v. Craigengower. Recreio "A" v. Civil Service C.C. Yacht Club v. Recreio "B".

Kowloon C.C. v. East Point R.C.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Craigengower C.C.	5	5	0	10	10
Police R.C.	9	6	0	12	12
Kowloon Dock R.C.	9	5	1	11	11
Talkoo R.C.	8	4	0	8	8
Kowloon C.C.	8	3	1	7	7
Kowloon B.G.C.	8	3	0	6	6
Civil Service C.C.	10	0	10	0	0

Shots For and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up	Down
Craigengower C.C.	499	416	85	0
Kowloon D.R.C.	553	524	29	0
Talkoo R.C.	483	458	25	0
Kowloon B.G.C.	487	477	10	0
Police R.C.	508	511	0	3
Kowloon C.C.	439	481	0	42
Civil Service C.C.	520	622	0	102

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Civil Service C.C.	9	7	1	15	15
Kowloon B.G.C.	10	6	1	13	13
Recreio "A"	9	6	0	12	12
Talkoo R.C.	7	4	0	8	8
Craigengower C.C.	9	4	0	5	8
East Point R.C.	10	4	0	6	8
Recreio "B"	8	3	1	7	7
Kowloon C.C.	8	2	1	5	5
Yacht Club	8	1	0	7	2

Shots For and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up	Down
Recreio "A"	603	581	222	0
Civil Service C.C.	538	435	103	0
Kowloon B.G.C.	556	519	137	0
Recreio "B"	448	467	0	19
Talkoo R.C.	404	434	0	30
Kowloon C.C.	432	527	0	95
Yacht Club	384	435	0	101
Craigengower C.C.	453	560	0	107
East Point R.C.	513	675	0	160

to the lessons he must set out to learn if he is to make a complete success of his job, I have little fear of the future of Donald Shortland.

Happily for him, he is in good and generous hands, and obviously he has a natural gift, as well as a considerable gift, for fighting. His heart is big. He will and can take a punch without quaking. Shortland has no fear. On the contrary, he is rather unimpaired of risks. He is, as he should be, an immense believer in himself.

Confidence, courage, and physical hardness are half the battle. But there is just a danger that Shortland, feeling as he does, his own strength, will neglect fundamentals. That is, he will not worry unduly to acquire the finer arts of the game of boxing.

HARDENED HIMSELF.

For one of his size, he should be able to hit with greater power. He must learn how to arrange himself for the purposes of punching; and I would advise him to try and improve his footwork. Above all else, he and those with him, must remember that he is little more than a beginner. The danger of rushing a boy, even such a boy as he, at too great a rate is very real. Too much must not be expected of him.

He is made of the right stuff, undoubtedly, but he must be brought along judiciously. I do not know the method of his training, but I would advise him to take a leaf out of the book of the young American giants, and, so as to make his hands bigger and stronger, take on hard manual work when he is not actually preparing for a fight.

Let me tell, in a few words, the story of Gene Tunney. When he had made up his mind that he would venture among the heavies—Tunney in 1921, when I saw him fight Soldier Jones, was little more than 12 st.—the first thing he decided was to take a job in the open; that job to be a daily grind. His hands were then apt to go back upon him. They were not the hands of a real fighter.

So he linked himself up with a lumber camp, and kept away from the ring until they had taken on the hardness to be found in a hard work. Tunney made a mystery into a real heavy-weight, mystery.

The same with Mickey Walker. Jack Kearns assured me that, if Mickey had not gone into the mountains and lived the life of a cave man, he would never have got to the top of the tree. Hard work made Mickey Walker into one of the hardest hitting middle-weights of this or any other age.

SIX ROUNDS FIGHT.

I do not suggest that Shortland inclines to a life all soft—far from

that. But in citing the case of Tunney and Walker, I do so in order to impress upon our young fellows what is demanded of a would-be considerable champion.

The next two years will decide the future of Shortland. He has got the ball at his feet. He may do wonders. It is up to himself. He is certainly rich in material. I think he would be wise if he limited his fights, of the immediate future at all events, to ten rounds.

If I were he I should court a few contests at six rounds—the more over short distances the better—for the shorter the fights the more likely will he be to add to his speed, and cause him to fight for all he is worth from the first sound of the gong. There is quite a lot for him to do. There is, so I understand, Jack Stanley itching for a meeting with him. And I dare say there are others.

And now about Herbert Crossley. He has much improved since I last saw him, and I agree with my friend, Bridgewater, in whose care he is, that he will yet do big things. My experience at Doncaster has made me less dubious about our finding a really good big man. Yorkshire, I am sure, is full of fighters.

It is all a question of the process of development employed. I would not have every youngster with the frame of a giant suppose that, if he were to take to the ring he would march to fame and fortune, but I am quite convinced that there never was a time when the ring offered so much to a heavy-weight worthy of the name. The field was never less difficult, and such as Shortland should be able to exploit it with every profit.—Sports Despatcher.

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Oslo	18.19
Hague	34.425
Basle	163 1/4
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	23.12
Lisbon	2 7/32
Athens	375
Bucharest	797 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 7/16
Bombay	1/5 15/16
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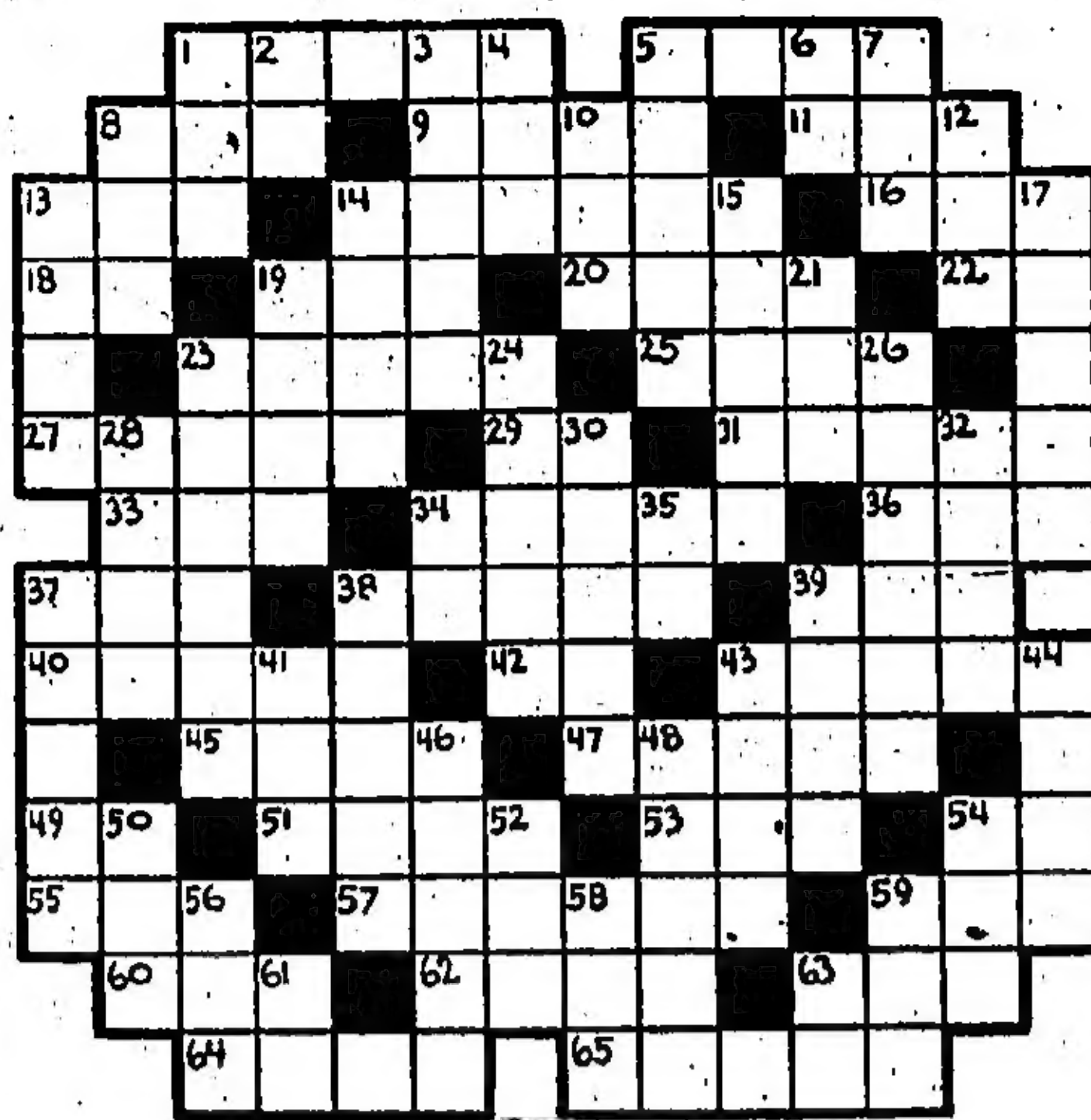
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3a, Wyndham Street. Tel. C. 22.**MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.****TALKING FILMS.**ARE THEY WORTH
WHILE?

SOME DOUBTS.

London, July 10.

Mr. Jesse L. Lasky—the asso-
ciate of Mr. Adolph Zukor in the
Paramount Famous Players-Lasky
Corporation of America, the larg-
est film-producing organisation in
existence—is now on a visit to this
country, and has during the week
been making some remarkable pro-
phecies.Among other things he foresees
the end of the silent film, and
states that in future all Paramount
films will be made with an orches-
tral accompaniment, which will
be reproduced with loud-speakers
when the film is shown; and this
he says, will be a first step to-
wards the real talking film and
what he describes as "a new art
form." Already two other big
American corporations have ap-
plied themselves to the develop-
ment of the "talking film": the
Fox Film Company has what it
calls "Movietones," by which, as
in its English variant, "the Phono-
film," light is transformed into
sound; and Warner Brothers con-
trol the invention called "the
Vitaphone," which synchronises
gramophone records with the film.
Have we here an invention which
is going to revolutionise the
movies, and march triumphantly
round the world as wireless broad-
casting has done?Yesterday (writes a correspon-
dent) I talked to many people
about the portent—film-producers
and film-actors, and the managers
of cinemas, as well as more ordi-
nary people—and among a good
many indignations and enthusiasms
and contradictory opinions, I was
impressed most by two conversa-
tions.**TECHNICAL ADVANCES.**The first was Mr. E. A. Dupont,
the producer of "Vaudeville" and
of "Moulin Rouge," who is now
collaborating with Mr. Arnold
Bennett in a film about London—
the first story that Mr. Bennett has
written especially for the screen.
And, talking to him, one began to
remember that even the first barrel
organ made a small fortune for its
owner who demonstrated it before
awa-struck crowds (admission six-
pence) at a house in Leicester-
square. "New inventions, techni-
cal improvements, they all have
their day," Mr. Dupont said, "and
they are freely admitted for their
own sakes—till the novelty has
worn off. Then they take their
proper place."Mr. Lasky has suggested that the
future of the "talking film" is to
provide something more than in-
cidental noises, and he longs for
the day when in crucial scenes
sub-titles will be replaced by dia-
logue, and loud-speakers will
grow eloquent and there will be
a new art. "Suppose," Mr. Dupont
said, "the 'talking film' is perfect-
ed. What will be the result? We
shall have a perfect imitation of
a stage-play and who is interest-
ed in imitations?" He maintained
enthusiasm that the art of the
film has had enough of technical
advances. The trouble was to digest.**WEAKNESS OF THE MOVIES.**"You can never make a good
film," he says, "by putting the
camera at an angle nobody has
ever thought of before, or by in-
troducing new incidental noises.
The weakness of the movies has
nothing to do with cameras or
new inventions. That the film
speaks a universal language is its
weakness as much as its strength.
It means that film-producers
scarcely ever dare break awayfrom one or two themes and the
timid variations on these
themes. They have to consider the
susceptibilities of the Chinese as
well as Londoners; they have to
think of the censor in London, and
the censor in Sweden, and the cen-
sors in America. In the result the
weakness of the film is in no sense
a matter of technique: the fault
lies in its stories. When logic and
courage are forbidden and the
most interesting themes barred,
when the few really good film-act-
ors are compelled to repeat time
after time almost the same part in
almost the same story (the cos-
tumes and the name, however, be-
ing changed) what gain is there
in improved incidental noises?"But he is not without hope. He
says that there is already a big
enough audience, if only it were
organised, for courageous and in-
telligent films. Running for twelve
weeks in one cinema in New York,
the film "Vaudeville" made for
more than its production costs.
The world-market, in fact, is not
necessary. He says that he looks
forward to the day when in every
capital city in Europe there will
be one cinema which has a special
licence from the censor to show
any film whatsoever; and this ring
of four or five cinemas will, he
says, be enough to pay the pro-
ducers to make intelligent films.**SHOULD THE DOORS BANG?**Mr. Dupont seems to hold that
the main-virtue of the film lies in
its science. Earlier in the day,
Mr. Anthony Asquith had suggest-
ed to me that while he thought
that a film with dialogue would be
an unfortunate innovation, he said
that it might be legitimate to use
noises to heighten the dramatic
effect. "It is a thing one cannot
be dogmatic about," he said. "But
if, for example, the banging of a
door emphasised the crisis in a
story one might imitate the noise
in the orchestra with the effect.
Its effect would be increased be-
cause everything else was silent." Mr.
Dupont, however, holds an-
other view. He says, "That is the
kind of noise we are scarcely ever-
conscious of; we take it for granted;
and to imitate it pointedly at a
critical moment, is to create a
feeling of exaggeration and of un-
reality."**BEHIND THE SCENES.**The other conversation was with
one of the operators at the New
Gallery Cinema. This cinema is
the only one in this country which
has the apparatus for showing
"Movietones" and "Vitaphone" films.
It is not yet permitted to show
"Vitaphone" films publicly, but
"Movietones" films are shown as
part of the ordinary programme
every day. The operator showed
me, with justifiable pride, the mys-
teries. We sat in the observer's
seat in the cinema whence tele-
phone messages are sent to the
man at the projector telling him
of the volume and quality of re-
production, and he acts accord-
ingly. I was told something of the
difficulties—how the "Prince of
Wales," for instance, has a quality
of voice difficult for the "Movie-
tone" to render, and how experi-
ments in "tuning" had overcome
that difficulty; and how constant
improvements are being made in
the reproducing apparatus—New
York discovering that this slight
adjustment improves the tone and
sending the news to London, and
London returning the compliment
next week.I was shown the records for the
"Vitaphone"; they look ordinary
enough gramophone records, ex-
cept that they are eighteen inches
in diameter, but they are curious
in that one side of the disc plays
for eleven minutes. They are
played on turn-tables which stand
behind the projector, and are
driven by an electric motor con-
trolled by an apparatus (and this
I was assured is the most wonder-
ful part of the invention) which
ensures that, no matter what may
be the variations in the current,
the speed of the motor can never
vary, and therefore the gramo-
phone is always "on the note."**THE PLAY ACTORS.**DANGERS OF 'HIGHBROW'
PRODUCTION.

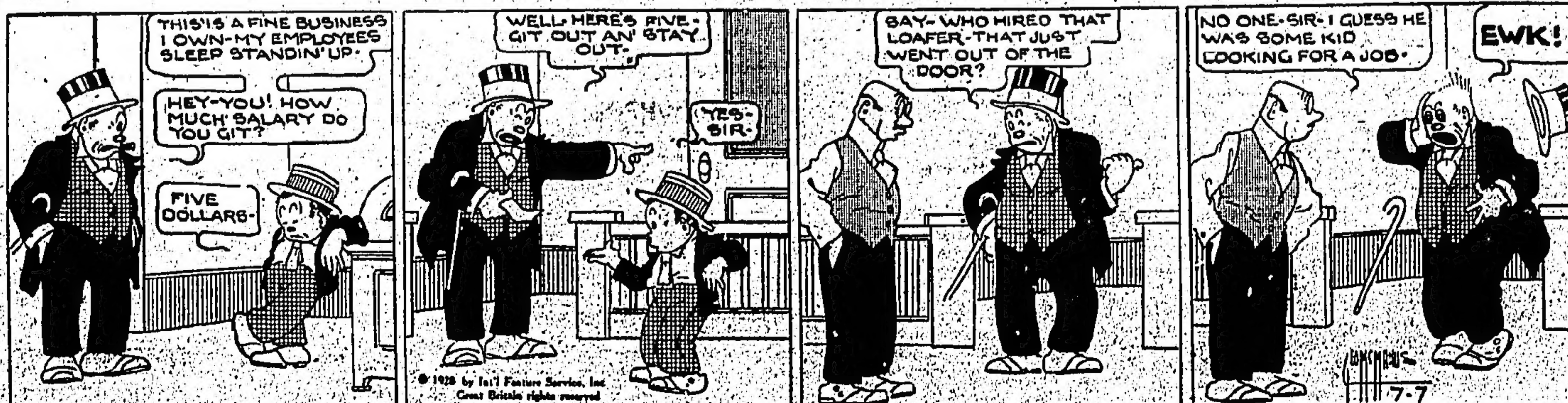
"THE COMIC ARTIST."

Miss Susan Glaspell is a play-
wright who is not afraid to use the
theatre for the discussion of sub-
tleties, and so her plays usually
have to run the risks attendant on
"highbrow" methods of production,
chief among which is the killing of
the play by a super-abundance of
atmosphere.In "The Comic Artist" Miss
Glaspell and her collaborator, not
content with risking this fate, ac-
tually go out of their way to invite
it. They begin the play in a large
room lit with a single candle.
Then, after a scene in a studio—
which must obviously have a good
light—we have a scene outside this
studio at night, where the only
light allowed for in the stage
directions comes from a lantern
carried by one of the characters.
Now all this is simply asking for
trouble. It affects the producer—
at any rate, it did recently—with
a positive horror of bright light.
Worse still, it affects the actors
with that tendency to speak in
hushed voices which all of us are
accustomed to feel in the dark.It was curious to notice at the
Strand Theatre how the audibility
of the actors varied in exact pro-
portion to their visibility. Of the
darkest scene, the one that took
place by lantern-light, hardly any-
thing penetrated beyond the front
half-dozen rows of the stalls;
whereas the studio scene was en-
tirely audible.All this must be reckoned, a pity,
for the play had all the appearance
of being an interesting study of
the artist's temperament on the one
hand and of spoiled femininity on
the other; but to complete the jig-
saw, with so many of the pieces
missing, was a task beyond my
powers. Miss Agnes Lauchlan,
who was lucky enough to appear
for the most part in a compara-
tively good light, was excellent in
the very cleverly-written part of a
woman so selfish that she could see
nothing but selfishness in the world
about her. Mr. Sebastian Shaw
seemed declamatory by comparison
with his companions, which was a
courageous fault in the circum-
stances. Mr. Morgan Farley, as
the comic artist, seemed to be act-
ing with intelligence, even when
his words did not carry; and Miss
Dora Barton played a sound but
humorous woman with great
ability—though she, too, failed to
get there by candlelight. Miss
Rose Hobart, as the comic artist's
grabbing young wife, allowed the
hardness of the character to be too
obvious. A veneer of charm would
not have been amiss.The turn-tables are driven at a
speed which is roughly a third of
that of an ordinary gramophone.
The actual sound comes, of course,
from the loud-speakers which are
placed behind the screen.**THE THUD OF THE FOOTBALL.**Afterwards I watched a "Movie-
tone" of the Cup Final at Wem-
bley, which was seen here for the
first time this week, having just
returned from the American
laboratory where the films are de-
veloped. Its theme is peculiarly
adapted to this treatment; and the
hotch-potch of sounds, community
singing (perhaps "community roar-
ing" would be a better term),
cheering, bands playing, and even
the thud of the football in quiet-
er moments, were all represented
(I don't know that I can say re-
produced) in an interesting
fashion. The operator who sat be-
side me was excited. He said that
silent films seemed dead after
this. The thud of the football
thrilled him.**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)**HORIZONTAL**1-Dutch colonists in
South Africa
5-Lump
8-Attentive
9-Trust
11-Contraction of ever
13-Allige
14-Poisonous serpent
(pl.)
16-Large evergreen
18-Pronoun
19-Indite
20-Eng
22-Old Dominion State
(abbr.)
23-Insect (pl.)
25-Legislative
assembly of
Europe
27-Low diurnal sound
29-Part of verb to be
31-Bequath
33-Vase
34-The mouth and
cheeks
35-Sneater
37-False hair
38-Damp
39-Suffix. One who
40-Foeman
42-A college degree
(abbr.)
43-Tightly united
45-The arrow of a
blowgun
47-Afflictions**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**49-To depart
51-Drags
53-A vine
54-A call to excite
attention
55-Small cabin
57-Polarized steel of a
compass
59-Arithmetical
problem
60-Quarrel
62-Indigo dye
63-Confine
64-Projection in front
of a cap
65-Fright**VERTICAL**1-Horse of reddish
brown color
2-Conjunction
3-German river
4-Dip in liquid
5-Biblical king
6-None
7-Solution
8-Devour
10-Pointed wooden pin
12-Minister's title
(abbr.)
13-Chant
14-Train of thought
15-Navigates
17-Enveloped in
19-Scheme
21-Famous civil war
general**VERTICAL (Cont.)**22-Formed into shape
24-Term of address in
India
26-Birthplace of
St. Paul
28-Overthrow
30-Stroke in billiards
32-Ballet
34-A business concern
(abbr.)
35-Symbol for platinum
37-Reflect carefully on
a subject
38-First name of
American
ambassador to
France
39-In an evil manner
41-Entangle
43-Yield to pressure
44-Deadly
46-Sudden sharp pull
48-Suburban residence
50-Pronoun
52-A high legislative
body (abbr.)
54-Sing in low
undertone
56-Boys' plaything
58-Inclination of
magnetic needle
59-Pouch
61-Pronoun
63-Profess meaning
double(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.**APOLLO SLAVED
DANIEL TARTAR
OR PADDLOCK SO
NAB PEEPS PIN
IDOL RSE CREE
SELAH C BOERS
JIDOLATERS
ALAS STE SNAP
DAR AMEND TRE
IS ALADDIN RE
SKEWER EVADED
HAMLET DEVILS**NEW BRITISH FILM.****A MAIDEN EFFORT.**"Houp-La," the first full-length
film made by British Screen Pro-
ductions in their own studios, with
an eye on the requirements of the
British "quota" law, was presented
privately at the Palace Theatre. It
is a story of a travelling circus,
and is based on quite an amusing
idea. A famous naturalist, in
order to hide from the police, who
erroneously believe him to be an
accomplice of a burglar, takes an
engagement as a lion-tamer. In
his University days he had been a
champion boxer and, when occasion
arises, he scientifically knocks
out the circus bully and others,
much to their surprise. A good
deal of innocent fun results before
the naturalist marries the little
circus girl, who is less than half
his age, and prepares to live
happily ever after.George Bellamy gives quite a
good account of himself as the na-
turalist lion-tamer, and Peggy
Carlisle shows considerable pro-
mise. "Houp-La" can in no sense
be described as a superfilm, but,**HONG KONG HEIGHTS**For the information of visitors
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Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (alterbeds)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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HONG KONG.**Sunrise and Sunset in Hong
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18	6.02	6.53
19	6.02	6.52
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21	6.02	6.50
22	6.03	6.49
23	6.03	6.49
24	6.03	6.48
25	6.03	6.47
26	6.04	6.46
27	6.04	6.45
28	6.04	6.44
29	6.04	6.43
30	6.05	6.42
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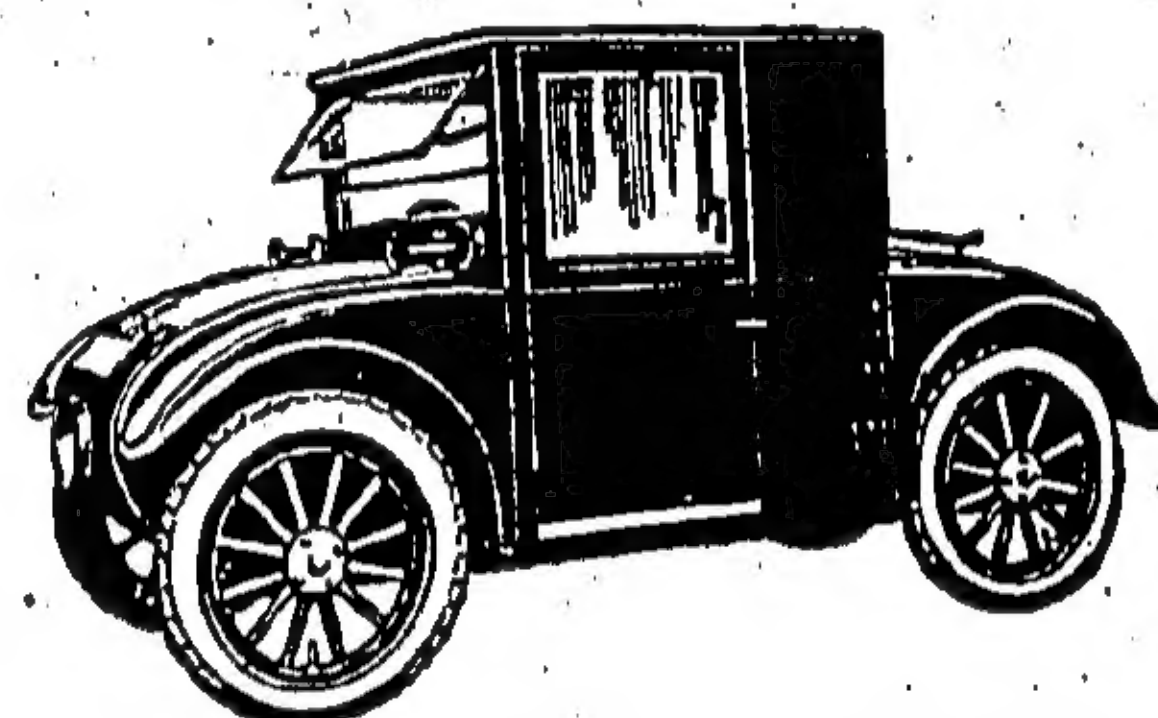
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RAILWAYMEN AND POLITICAL IDEAS.

"BIG GUNS" OF LABOUR.

The conference of the National Union of Railwaymen at Bristol discussed the political prospects of Labour on a resolution moved by an Accrington delegate, welcoming the prospect of an early General Election, "which" will afford the electors the opportunity to turn out a Government which secured its majority under false pretences, and has used its power in a selfish, partisan manner against the interests of the community."

Mr. A. J. Kitson, of Ledbury, said that the big guns of the Labour



G. I. Petrovsky, one of the six presidents of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union of Russia. He is chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Ukraine and one of the foremost figures in Soviet Russia political life. Russia has six presidents, of a central executive committee and this committee is one of the most powerful in the country.

movement must wake up and give some attention to the rural constituencies, about 200 of which were held by the Conservative party. Unless the leaders went down to these constituencies and did something in the cause of Labour, the Labour party would not be returned with sufficient power to carry out its programme.

Mr. W. Ross, of Ayr, said that the Labour leaders had spent too much time in criticising the Government. They would do far better to criticise the present constitution of the Labour party.

Mr. H. Kegie, of Gateshead, said that a Labour Government would be secured only by hard work and not by glib phrases. The contribution

by every worker of the cost of an ounce of tobacco or a packet of cigarettes a week would make a great difference to the Labour party's election appeal.

New Electors.
Mr. C. T. Cramp, industrial secretary, referring to the new electors brought on to the register, said: "I am convinced that the young people are with us, and that is why I urge you to come in with the young people and leave all these old mouldy conceptions of Socialism on one side. I am satisfied Labour will make a considerable advance at the next election."

Mr. J. H. Thomas said that there were always people who came along and said that in the interests of unity and a united front they must go on their own. (Laughter.) Even their Scottish friends should know that they could not go any faster than the general mass of the people intended them to go. His answer to the recent manifesto was that politically the Labour party would be judged by the work of men like MacDonald, Henderson, and Snowden, who had been tested, tried, and not found wanting by the great mass of the people.

He agreed that the Trade Unions Act was mean and despicable, but the railwaymen had given their answer. There were at the present time fewer members of the National Union of Railwaymen who had declined to contribute to the political fund or to sign contracting-in forms than before the Act was introduced. The resolution was carried.

The contract for new buildings, to cost £700,000, at Holbrook, Suffolk, for the Royal Naval Schools (now at Greenwich), has been placed with a Manchester firm.

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The pilot of the machine will be British. Captain R. H. McIntosh, the famous pilot who last year made attempts to fly the Atlantic and to the Far East, is being retained by Major Holt, just as famous jockeys



John J. Raskob, chairman of the Finance Committee of General Motors Corporation, who is regarded in financial circles as an oracle and prophet, is being eagerly sought by some of the largest corporations in the country to serve on their directorates.

are retained to rise for certain states.

The three Lynx engines fitted to the machine will be of British manufacture, developing 800 horsepower, and giving the airplane a cruising speed of 100 miles and hour.

The "air motor-car" is of exactly the same type as will be used by the Royal Dutch air lines on their new London—East Indies service. The first machine on this route is expected to leave Croydon on June 15, carrying a heavy cargo of mails for the Far East.

Major Holt, who used to live in Montreal, is one of the directors of the Provincial Cinematograph Theatres, Ltd., the most important cinema company in the United Kingdom.

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U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	
Manila	President Pierce	
Straits and London (Parcel Mail, London 19th July)	Sarpedon	
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Monroe	
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OUTWARD MAILS.

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Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	4.30 p.m.
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Manila	President Jackson	4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tillawa	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19.		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, AUGUST 20.		
Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and "Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 10th Sept. and Europe via Siberia. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Aug. 21st) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	President Pierce	
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.		
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THE L55 DISASTER OF 1919.

"SUB" RAISED.

WHAT RUSSIAN ARCHIVES REVEAL.
NEAR CAPOR BAY.

Moscow, Yesterday.
The British submarine L55, which sunk in 1919, has been raised by Russian salvagers. It was covered with a thick layer of rust. The skeletons discovered are believed to be those of the 40 who perished. Apparently the upper deck was struck by a shell.
According to the Russian archives two Soviet destroyers engaged British destroyers and submarines near Capor Bay on June 4, 1919. They heard a dull explosion and saw an enormous cloud of smoke when the submarine disappeared.
A committee meeting will be held to decide whether the L55 was destroyed by a shell or collided with a mine.—Reuter.

BRAZIL'S DIAMONDS.

SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN THE FIELDS.
WIPING OUT CORRUPTION.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.
The diamond fields of South America, which have been centres of disturbance ever since 1918 when a German prospector found the first gems in the Araguaya River Region leading to an influx of adventurers from all over the world, have been the scene for two months of guerilla warfare recalling the old time American-Indian fighting.
The native diamond prospectors of Matto Grosso, finding they had been paid counterfeit money for weeks of laborious prospecting in fever-ridden jungles, decided to wipe out the boss prospectors.
They burned down hamlets, massacred the inhabitants and ambushed individual prospectors, and committed daily robberies and murders.
The Governor of Matto Grosso failed to control the situation with the State troops, who were disastrously defeated. Then José Morbeck, nicknamed "the Cecil Rhodes of South America" rallied 10,000 adherents and overwhelmed the malcontents led by the brigand chief Carvelhinho, and drove 2,000 of them across the border into the state of Guyaz, where they were disarmed and permitted to work in the diamond fields.—Reuter's American Service.

LUXURY SHIPS.

GERMAN CHALLENGE TO THE CUNARD LINE.
TWO GIANT LINERS.

Hamburg, Yesterday.
An impressive indication of the great recovery of German shipping was afforded by the launch of two giant North German Lloyd quadruple-screw Trans-Atlantic liners of 48,000 tons each.
The vessels names are the "Europa" and the "Bremen," and though their speed has not been disclosed, it is expected they will steam well over twenty-six knots. They will thus rival the speed of the "Mauretania" and will probably challenge this ship for the record crossing of the Atlantic.
The two new ships, with the 32,000-ton "Columbus," will maintain a weekly service between New York and Bremerhaven, which is 450 miles from Southampton.
It is claimed that the new liners, which will carry 3,200 passengers and crew, are the last word in luxury travelling. Extensive provision is made for sport and gymnastics, and there are sun decks and magnificent swimming pools. Elaborate plant is installed for medicinal baths.—Reuter.

PULVERISED COAL.

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CHINA'S NAVY.

"TO BUILD 60,000 TONS IN TEN YEARS."

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S WORDS.
Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Chinese river gunboat, "Sien Ning," was launched this afternoon from the Kiangnan Dock, which was gaily decorated for the occasion. Marshal Chiang Kai-

shek was present at the ceremony.—Reuter.



A new photograph of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in foreign clothes.

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Shanghai, To-day.

Chiang Kai-shek, in a speech heralded the craft as the "beginning of the modern Chinese Navy, which the Nationalists desire to expand by 60,000 tons in the next ten years."

The vessel is intended for Yangtze patrol duty.

Chiang Kai-shek declared that British and Japanese control at Weihaiwei, or Port Arthur was respectively the result of "big navies" which would otherwise be impossible.—Reuter.

MUKDEN ECHOES.

PUTNAM WEALES' CHARGES DENIED.
A JAPANESE STATEMENT.

Peking, Yesterday.
Questioned in regard to Mr. Putnam Weale's accusation that the late Marshal Chang Tso-lin was assassinated at Mukden, Manchuria, by Japanese, the Japanese Legation spokesman this morning denied that there was any truth in Mr. Weale's charges and assertions. He stated that when Chang Tso-lin left Peking Japan's desire was that his military machine and civil administration should remain intact, in order properly to preserve the peace of Manchuria. That was the Japanese motive in the "advice" given to him to evacuate Peking.

Asked if this did not amount to interference in Chinese domestic affairs, the spokesman said: "If you would call that interference we should not mind."—Reuter.

Sir Andrew Noel Agnew, of Lochmaw Castle, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, former Liberal-Unionist M.P. for S. Edinburgh, has died in London, aged 77.

THE BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

A DEADLOCK.
OPERATIVES REFUSE TO "CALL OFF."

CONFERENCE ABORTIVE.
Bombay, Yesterday.

The conference between the member of the Bombay Government, the representatives of the cotton mill owners and the striking operatives has broken down.

It is understood that it was agreed to appoint a Board of Inquiry of three, the members to be nominated by the Government, but the millowners insisted that the strike should be called off.

The representatives of the operatives refused unless pending the decision of the Board of 1925 as to the rate of wages to be paid.

The millowners declined the request and a deadlock ensued.—Reuter.

RECEPTION ON SHIP.

WEDDING OF MISS KOMOR & MR. HILLE.
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The Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. "Sui Tai" was used for holding a wedding reception in to-day, prior to her departure for Macao, when she carried a honeymoon couple on board in Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hille.

The bride was Miss Hilda Beatrix Komor, the daughter of Mr. Siegfried Komor, the well-known art expert who has lived in Hong Kong for many years. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hille of Grossrohrsdorf, Germany.

The Rev. Mr. H. Gies of the Basil Mission officiated at the ceremony, which was held in Union Church, Kennedy-road.

Bridal Retinue.
Miss Komor wore an ivory georgette dress over taffeta, made in a delightful version of the bouffant mode, trimmed with tiny clusters of orange blossom and lovers' knots. She also had a beautiful veil of Brussels net and a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of nemeses and roses.

Accompanying the bride were the little Misses Jennie White and Marion Schiffer as flower-girls and Master Walter White as page. Miss White's dress was of embroidered apricot net, Miss Schiffer's of pale blue satin with frills, trimmed with small rosebuds. Each also wore a wreath of forget-me-nots and carried baskets of rose petals.

Master White wore a white silk blouse and pale blue knickers.

Many Guests.
Mrs. C. E. White, the bride's sister, was matron of honour. She was attired in a handsome silk-net embroidered dress over flesh pink satin and wore a hat to match. Her bouquet was of pink and cream roses.

Mr. Siegfried Komor gave his daughter away in marriage. Mr. Hugo Ammann acted as best man.

The large number of friends who had been invited went down to the "Sui Tai" at Wing Lok wharf, where the reception was held and the health of the couple proposed.

The bride's travelling dress was of dainty pale pink trimmed with hand-made flowers and hat to match, the creation of "Femina."

AT THE REGISTRY.

Marriage of Mr. H. L. Decker & Miss E. R. Rosselet.

Mr. H. L. Decker, of the Motoring Department, Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., and Miss E. R. Rosselet were married to-day at the Registrar's Office.

The reception in Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant was largely attended.

The honeymoon is being spent on the West River and at Wuchow and the newly-married couple are due to sail to-day.

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